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# THE MESSENGER

#### THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

Last month I wrote to you about the gift of generosity. I promised you that this month I would give you ten ways to share the gift of generosity with those the Lord has placed into your life.

- Today I will not strike back. If someone is rude or unkind, I will not respond in a similar way.
- Today I will ask God to bless my "enemies." If I come across someone who treats me harshly, I will quietly ask the Lord to bless that person.
- Today I will be careful about what I say. I will certainly choose and guard my words wisely.
- Today I will go the extra mile. I will find ways to help carry other people's burdens, here at home and throughout the world.
- Today I will forgive and forget any hurts or insults that come my way.
- Today I will do something nice for someone. I will reach out with my time, energies, and finances to be a blessing to others.
- Today I will raise the spirits of someone who is discouraged.
- Today I will take care of my own body. I will eat less, eat healthier, and thank God for my body, regardless of my age.
- Today I will grow spiritually. I will spend more time in prayer and less time on social media and television. I will find a quiet place and listen to the Lord.
- Today I will celebrate the forgiveness of Jesus, even when I don't live up to the other 9 things listed above. And in all my daily life, I will seek to bring more laughter, joy, and forgiveness to those around me, because Jesus has risen from the dead for me.

#### **BUILDING FUND**

Your continued giving to our Building Fund is greatly appreciated. Through your amazing generosity, we have collected over \$2,985,000 towards the building of our Life Center. The Building Committee continues to work on a plan to show what this Life Center could look like and what it might cost. This Life Center will be a great addition to our ministry here of leading more people to Jesus and to heaven. You are making a big difference in this Life Center becoming a reality!

#### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Be who you needed when you were younger.



REV. DR. VICTOR J. KOLLMANN victor@messiahlutheran.com

# It's Your Best Day!

Is it? I hope so!

For the past 11 years, I've been entitling my monthly newsletter article with the above heading. I may have been working under that heading longer, but since my Word storage only went back 11 years, I would have no way of guaranteeing it. I'm not even all that sure why I chose that heading, other than to say that it reflects my basic view of life as a Christian.

Any day with Jesus is your best day!

That doesn't make it easy, as you and I know. Life can be challenging, and these days, life as a Christian seems to be more and more that very thing.

But, then on the other hand, as one of my pastor friends says, "It's a great time to be the Church." Or stated another way, "It's a great time to be a Christian!"

Christians are being scrutinized in ways we would never have dreamed of in the past. With the prominence of social media, together with the fact that everyone who has a cell phone – and a high-resolution camera and recorder attached – the possibility that your life and mine being registered and spread out to the world is quite likely. These days, it seems that all it takes is one slip of the tongue or one impulsive act, and the whole world knows about it in a matter of seconds.

And the world judges you - and who you represent!

It's good that we live our lives representing Someone more gracious and forgiving than the world does. Jesus suffered, died, and rose again, not only to promise us eternal life – but also to assure us that we are not of this world. We are, in fact, foreigners in this world. Our values are radically different; the decisions we make and the positions we stand for, are opposed to a world of self-interest and enslaved to the god of "what's in it for me." And, the good news is that we get to demonstrate that difference every single day.

It is, indeed, your best day!

My encouragement is, as we move into the Fall season of the year, that we rededicate ourselves to embracing that, living in the joy of that.

Because of Jesus, it is your best Day! Pastor Jim Otte

PASTOR JIM OTTE ASSOCIATE PASTOR james@messiahlutheran.com

# A Word From Pastor Lee **Thank You**

Dear Messiah Family,

Thank you! Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support as I have answered God's call to become a pastor. On August 7, a very special service took place at Messiah where I was both ordained and installed as an Associate Pastor for our church at 9:45 AM. I am humbled, honored, and grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ through serving His Church as a pastor.



Pastor Kollmann used the verse from Isaiah, chapter 43, verse 1. It says, "But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; *I have called you by name, you are mine*." What a great reminder for us all, that God has both created you and me, forming us, and then saved us. Through Jesus, we have been redeemed, called by the name we were given, and we are Christ's, a new creation.

Pastor Otte used the verse from 2 Corinthians, chapter 12, verse nine: "But he said to me, "*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness*." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." The Apostle Paul was writing in his second letter to the church in Corinth about his "thorn in the flesh." No matter how hard life is and no matter the hardship, we have a great reminder that God's grace is enough for the Apostle Paul, for me, and for you, that His power is "made perfect" in our weakness. Thanks be to God we have a Savior Who paid the price for our sins, forgiving us and renewing us, so that we are His. His gift of grace is enough for us weak sinners.

Pastor Pittock used a verse from the book of Nahum. Nahum means, "comfort," and the book is a consolation to Judah and all who live in fear of the Assyrians who were cruel. The prophet Nahum proclaimed the destruction of Judah by a just God. However, in the introductory verses, the grace of God is seen, as God promises the deliverance of Judah. God is both patient and gracious. Nahum 1:7 says, "*The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him*."

I want to thank my wife, Erin, for the sacrifices that she has made for me to study and work toward becoming a pastor, as she has cared for our four beautiful children: Aaron, Elizabeth, Benjamin, and Jacob. Thank you to my father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tim and Marla Johnson, for their great love and support. I also want to thank Pastor Kollmann for being my mentor, Pastor Otte for all that he has taught me, and Pastor Pittock for his participation in this special ordination/ installation service.

God bless you all.

In Christ's service, Pastor Lee



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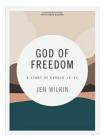
**KINGDOM WOMEN MINISTRIES AT MESSIAH** (for all women) "Let your actions, thoughts, and words reflect

a heart that seeks to honor God above all else."

#### KINGDOM WOMEN 2022 MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY-"The Chosen"

**KW Small Group** generally meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Kathy Koeneman leads our study located in the first floor Conference Room, E110S. **NEW TIME:** At 6:30pm

**KW Large Group** generally meets on the 4th Saturday of the month. Gina Lehrmann leads our morning. Saturday, September 24th is the next gathering. Workbooks will be used at the Large Group Sessions. Cost is \$15. To reserve your book, contact Ellen Thorne, eet75002@gmail.com.



**THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on Thursdays, 9:30-11am. Our study "God of Freedom" on Exodus 19-40 is by Jen Wilkin. Cost is \$25 which includes all of the online videos for each chapter. To reserve your book, contact me, eet75002@gmail.com. We will meet in Room E220S. Karrie Looney leads this dynamic study to a group of women ranging from their 30s to their 80s. Free baby-sitting is available with advanced notice.



**KINGDOM WOMEN BOOK CLUB** On Monday, September 19th at 6 pm, we will meet in the Youth Room to discuss the Mitch Albom's latest novel *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*. Contact Leann Dietze with questions, leann.dietze@gmail.com.



NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO BEGIN LINE DANCE LESSONS! Line Dance is good for the body, but also has benefits for the mind. In fact, it can actually play a part in preventing mental illness. And... it's not just about Country Music these days-all forms of music are used! And....it's Free at Messiah!

Ann Pettit, a beloved line dance instructor in the metroplex, will be leading an Absolute Beginner Class on Tuesdays from 5-5:50pm *in the Gym*. She has designed a program with absolute beginners in mind and is excited to share it with you. At 6pm, beginner/improver dances will be instructed and at 7pm improver/intermediate.

True Beginner Classes led by Ellen Thorne are held on Wednesdays, 3:15-4:15pm-*in the 1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room.* Contact me for more information, eet75002@gmail.com



Y'ALL COME FELLOWSHIP For all adults Save the Date: <u>Saturday, September 17th</u> Addison Oktoberfest Www.addisonoktoberfest.com Recognized as one of the most authentic Oktoberfest celebrations outside of Munich since 1987, Addison Oktoberfest brings a purely Texan twist to this popular celebration of German culture, food, music and bier. Take part in a unique experience with polka bands and other traditional entertainers on multiple stages, interactive games and attractions for all ages, the Dachshund Dash, and much more at this award-winning festival. More details to come.



Wednesday, September 14, at 11 a.m. in the Mosaics Room is the first meeting for this year. We will have a devotion, a short business meeting where we will discuss the activities for the coming year, install the officers for this year, and then enjoy a pot-luck luncheon. Be sure to

bring your mites, your stamps, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) items, and new ideas! Our future meetings and activities will be announced in the bulletin insert and the *Messenger*.



#### LWML Sunday, October 2 — Celebrate with Lutheran Women in Mission

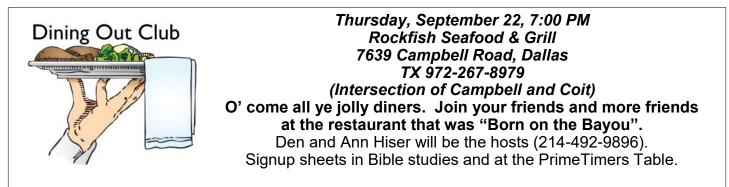
On that day, Lutheran churches across the country will celebrate all that God has done through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The power of God is evident in the dimes, quarters, and dollars you put in the Mite Box. Thank you! Our new LWML Mission Statement reads — "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others." The Holy Spirit has been doing this for **80 years** through the LWML! We are needing your help in collecting items for the **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. We can still use socks to reach our goal of 80! We also need items for the Lutheran World Relief trucks that come November 12. There is a basket for donations on the LWML table across from The Lamp Gift Shop, and, if it is more convenient, we will use your dollars to shop for you.

The LWR items include: 1 light-weight dark-colored bath towel, 1 metal nail clipper (remove packaging), 1 sturdy comb (remove packaging), 2 bath size bars of soap, 4-5 oz. each, and 1 toothbrush, (keep in packaging).

All women of Messiah are always welcome to join us, and I am looking forward to seeing you!

#### 2022-2023 Officers:

President, Mary Jane Tobaben Vice President, Dorothy Rigg Secretary, Kathy O'Brien Treasurer, Marcheta May





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TAKE ON THE CHANGE OF SEASON! TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE!

Volunteer for KidMin@MLC



## Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 4th

**New** class of 2 year olds Meet the teachers Move to new classrooms

2 years old—E131N Preschool/K—E113S 1st/2nd Grade—E216S 3rd/4th Grade—E218S



## Meet our Sunday Morning Caregiver

Devi has been working in our nursery for over 5 years! She loves on all the infants and toddlers during worship services, and during the Bible Study hour. Parents can rest assured that their little ones are in good hands. If you haven't met her, I encourage you to stop by and say hi on Sunday mornings. She's in room E125N from 8:15am —12:15pm each Sunday.





# Who Taught YOU???

Think back to your childhood and memories of Sunday School. Who was your favorite teacher? Why were they your favorite? What did they do that was so special?

Did you ever wonder what made that person decide to volunteer to share the love of Jesus with you each week? Could you do that?



#### **OF COURSE YOU COULD AND YOU CAN!** Talk to Amy about becoming a <u>teacher</u>, or a teacher's <u>assistant</u>, or a <u>substitute</u> for the few

Sunday's when the teacher will be gone.

## Additional Adult Caregiver Needed for Sunday Mornings



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The goal is to have two caregivers each Sunday morning.

If you know of a qualified individual interested in working Sunday mornings from 9am-12 noon with infants and toddlers, please send the referral to Amy.

#### Youth Caregiver Training Wed. Sept. 21st



Youth 12 years and older are eligible to work as a babysitter during ministry events at Messiah. But each sitter must be trained first.

Training is scheduled for Wednesday evening in place of JAM. Meet in upstairs small Conference Room.



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#### **Ongoing Events**

#### Every Sunday 9:45-10:45 am Sunday school

5th-12th grade Announcements in youth room Classes divided by age

#### 1st and 3rd Sunday of month

 MESH (High School)
5:30-7:30 pm
Time of study and fellowship for high school students

#### 2nd Sunday of month

 Messiah Youth Ministry (MYM)
5:30-7:30 pm
Food, Fellowship, and Fun for all 5th-12th graders.

#### 4th Sunday of month

Peer Leadership

5:30-7:30 pm Leadership training for high school youth. Required for anyone who wishes to be a JC for confirmation camp.

#### Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm

 ◆ JAM (Middle School) Ends at 7:30 pm Time of study and fellowship for middle school students. High school students are welcome to attend to provide leadership.

#### **Upcoming Event**

#### September MYM

(Messiah Youth Ministry) Sunday, Sept 11 at 5:30 pm Nukem.

# **Messiah Youth Ministry**



Middle school and high school youth gathered at Main Event for August MYM, which included bowling, gaming, pizza, and laser tag. Everyone had fun!

#### New School Year, New Schedules

As you can see from the side bar, our schedules for youth ministry have changed this school year. High school students will gather every Sunday evening in the youth room.

- ⇒ 1st & 3rd Sundays will be MESH, with a combination of fellowship and time in the Word.
- ⇒ 4th Sunday will be Peer training, which is a new way of offering it. Peer is required for anyone who wishes to be a Junior Counselor at Confirmation Camp.
- ⇒ 2nd Sunday will continue to be MYM, a time of fellowship for all ages, including middle school youth.

Wednesdays will be for middle school youth, but high school students who wish to come can help with leadership. In addition, while our Wednesday evening gatherings start at 6:30 pm, the youth room will be open starting at 6:00 for any students who arrive early because of siblings in children's choir rehearsal.

#### MYM for September will be NUKEM!

We will gather in the youth room at 5:30 for dinner and time in the Word, then move to the gym to play Nukem. MYM is held on the 2nd Sunday of the month, which is September 11. Please sign up so we have enough food!

#### Youth Music

Instead of offering a specific time for youth music (Youth 4 Truth), all middle and high school students are encouraged to join one of the many musical groups available at Messiah. Please see Dorothy's page for more information.



# A Song from our Hearts

Each Sunday we come together as a congregation to celebrate the love of Christ in worship with songs of praise! We join our voices together, using music as a way to share the song in our hearts-the song of joy to Christ, our Savior, an offering to our Lord of our love for Him. We hear voices around us of the young and old, strongly and boldly singing praise to God. We also hear instruments of all types lifted in response to our Lord's grace and mercy. What a wonderful celebration of praise when all of these combine together in worship!

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Have you been blessed with a singing voice or the ability to play an instrument! Do you yearn for the opportunity to express your heart's song through music to our Lord? Whether you are a young child, youth or adult, there are groups that you can join with fellow members, who also feel the calling of Christ to serve Him through music. There are many ways to serve, so prayerfully consider adding your talents to our music ministry this year. You'll be so blessed! All groups meet once a week, starting soon!

#### Children's Choir– K-5th grade —Wednesdays from 6:00-6:50 PM -E201S



- Use songs and instruments to praise the Lord
- Develop music skills.
- Opportunity for children to serve in worship.
- Directed by Dorothy Sherrod, Christina Knoernschild and Samantha Logue

## Youth4Truth-5th-12th grade-New information

- \* Help to lead Youth music at youth activities and Sunday School
- 9-12 grade youth are also invited to participate in: Joyful Ringers hand bell choir Praise Teams Sanctuary Choir Sanctuary Orchestra

See more information in this article on these groups.

#### Sanctuary Choir-Youth-Adults—Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15 PM-Chapel

- Prepares music in various styles, including classical, gospel and contemporary.
- Sings once a month in both services.
- Presents special cantatas during Advent and Lent.
- Directed by Dorothy Sherrod & Brenda Bucher







#### Praise Teams-Youth/Adults—Sunday mornings 9:45am-balcony

- Provide worship leadership for the 11:00 Contemporary blended service.
- Include singers and instrumentalists on piano, guitar, bass, drums and keyboard.
- Directed by Dorothy Sherrod

## Sanctuary Orchestra-Youth/Adults—Wednesdays 7:30-8:45 PM-E201S

- Composed of brass, woodwind, string and percussion instrumentalists.
- Prepare music for worship services.
- Work with the Sanctuary Choir on the Cantatas for Advent and Lent.
- Open to youth and adults who have played for at least 2 years.
- Directed by David Walling, Teresa Logue and Dorothy Sherrod.

#### Joyful Ringers (Hand bells)-Youth/Adults—Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM-balcony

- Prepares music for worship services.
- Includes experienced and beginning ringers.
- Plays monthly in worship.
- Directed by Ed and Dorothy Sherrod



Questions? Contact Dorothy Sherrod –972-398-7507 dorothy@messiahlutheran.com

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



#### September 10th Kicking off Community Day of Service

This year I want to expand our horizons as a church body and encourage the uniqueness of our family units. Each family is unique and the dynamics of our families change throughout the years along with our schedules.

This Sunday and September 4<sup>th</sup> I will have a list of various local organizations with opportunities for adults and families. I encourage you to visit the Social Ministries & Outreach table to learn more about the opportunities and how your family can serve together. Feel free to serve with other families or friends. Busy schedules and various commitments can make it hard to find ways to volunteer on one specific day. I am opening the whole

month of September for our families to find a way to volunteer together even if it's something different from the list of options. This year I will have a couple of poster boards available to share our family stories and pictures if possible. Our stories and pictures will also be shared in a special article in the Messenger highlighting Messiah's families Sharing His Light!

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Every Thursday from 9am to 2pm, they have food, fun and fellowship! Free and open to all in the community who are over the age of 60! Events from July for reference:

7/7- Painting on wood- create your masterpiece with Bill Stone

7/14- Chair Tai Chi with Nancy Duplant & Presentation on Frida Kahlo by the Dallas Museum of Art

7/21- Texas Winds Musical Outreach Presents "Sentimental Journey" featuring Ron Jones on the Saxophone

7/28- Learn to make beautiful birthday cards with Connie McSpadden

#### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT NETWORK!

Network is in need of compassionate and dedicated volunteers to help serve our neighbors in need. We have many volunteer opportunities including assisting in the Food pantry, Clothing Closet, Seniors' Net programs and even data entry (some of which can be performed remotely). Please note volunteer times are Monday through Wednesday 8 am to 4 pm, Thursday 8 am to 7 pm, Friday 10 am to Noon and Saturday 9 am to 2 pm. Volunteers ages 16 and up may volunteer alone and ages 14-15 may volunteer if accompanied by an adult. If you are interested in volunteering as a group, please call Caroline Wold, Manager of Volunteers and Community Engagement at (972) 234-8880 ext. 126 or email her at <a href="mailto:cwold@thenetwork.org">cwold@thenetwork.org</a>

#### **OUR ONGOING 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 <u>dawnmj@fastmail.net</u>.

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 (972) 948-8966, or <u>dawnmj@fastmail.net</u>.

# News from Messíah Lambs

Welcome back to school. As I am writing this article, Messiah Lambs school already has our first week of school under our belts. We opened our doors to 155 wonderful children and their families and 27 teachers!

Our theme this year is from Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." Our Lambs are already learning this verse and what it means to be a friend to others. Throughout the year we will engage in several service projects to extend this friendship beyond the doors of our classrooms.

Each month during the school year I will add a specific prayer request for our school. This month I ask you to join me in praying for our students. Please pray that they remain healthy, come to school eager to learn and make new friends, and leave each day knowing that they are loved by their teachers and Jesus.

We are still in need of a Tuesday/Thursday lead preschool teacher for our 3-year-old classroom. If you are interested, please email me at <u>amyers@messiahlutheran.com</u>.

#### Important Upcoming Dates:

Sep 5: No School Labor Day





O ur deepest appreciation for all the prayers, well wishes, cards, food and assistance related to Cheryl's health issues. As one individual

described their similar situation from some time ago, they could not wait to get that past year

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behind them. Cheryl and I look forward to 2023 and Cheryl being clear-eyed and cancer-free come next J anuary. Let us be clear...that only through God, family, and Messiah, could we survive these situations! THANK YOU ALL!

Cheryl Dawn Meyer/Sands and Bob Sands

# THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thanks to all the Thrivent members of Messiah who have directed "Choice Dollars."

As you know, Thrivent Financial is a fraternal (non-profit) organization that had sent their surplus monies, after expenses, to various hospitals in keeping with IRS demands. Then in August of 2010, they asked for help from members to nominate a charity and Messiah has received \$243,000 to date. This was money, outside the budget, that was used to help such needs as our Audio-Visual system and our Livestream of our worship services, additional bells for our bell choir, updated construction in our Sanctuary, our Lambs School, and various other congregational needs.

So, this is our thank you to all the Thrivent members here at Messiah, who have made this happen. Thrivent plans to continue this program, where they now have sent more than \$300 million dollars to 3000+ charities. *Gordon Hanson-Congregation Advocate* 



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# **COMFORT DOG MINISTRY**



As Summer is coming to an end, Team Triton is looking forward to adding visits to several schools again. Not to mention, we are ready for some cooler weather too! We are excited to be hosting our Southwest Regional Gathering and Training in October. This was originally scheduled for this month, but changed to October so we can deploy back to Uvalde to comfort the students returning to school. We give thanks to God for all of the opportunities he continues to open up for us!



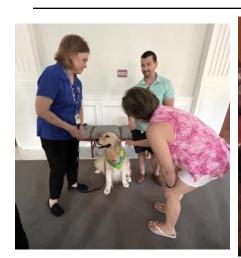
Brookdale Senior Living



Summer Camp at Messiah



Lifecare Hospital



Comfort for family in grief



Home visit

#### **SEEKING MINISTRY PARTNERS**

#### Are you:

- A dog lover?
- Recently retired?
- Employed but working flexible hours?
- A people person?
- Active and mobile?
- Interested in spending a couple of daytime hours per week in a meaningful way?
- Looking for an opportunity to serve on a flexible schedule?

We would love to talk with you about joining Messiah's Comfort Dog Ministry as a Ministry Partner, assisting Triton and his handlers on their visits.

Please contact Carolyn Nussman at: (214) 773-3200 MessiahK9Comfort@gmail.com

> For more information about the Comfort Dog Ministry, contact our "Top Dog" Carolyn Nussman, email: messiahk9comfort@gmail.com

Triton's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ TritonComfortDog

Triton's Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/lcck9triton/

#### COMING UP:

**CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR UVALDE-**Team Triton will return to Uvalde this month to show support and bring comfort and encouragement to the community as the students begin a new school year. The tragedy is still fresh in the minds of the residents of this tight knit community and it will be a wonderful way to share the light of Christ. We will send 2 different teams the week of September 5th and the week of

September 19th. Please continue to keep our team and other teams in your prayers as well as those who continue to mourn the loss of their loved ones.

<u>October 14-15</u>-LCC K9 Comfort Dog Ministry Southwest Region Gathering here at Messiah.



Lutheran Hymn Festival Sunday, September 18, 2022, 4:30 PM Dallas, TX Meyerson Symphony Center 2301 Flora St. Dallas, TX 75201

"O Love How Deep" is the theme for the Eleventh festival hosted by the Lutheran Hymn Festival of Dallas and featuring guest organist Kevin Hildebrand along with instrumentalists and a mass choir of children and adults from the DFW area churches.

Tickets are now on sale. \$15/\$20. Go to: https://lutheranhymnfestival.org/tickets



#### Save the Date! PrimeTimer's Service Project

Wednesday, October 26th 2:00-3:45 PM Feed My Starving Children 1680 N. Glenville Dr. Suite 300 Richardson, TX. 75081

Please call or text Linda Maciejewski at 847-977-4320 or email at jandlvb@verizon.net to reserve your spot. Last day to register is Monday, October 24th. Dinner to follow at 1050 BBQ, 1050 N. Central Expy., Richardson, TX 75080.

#### San Antonio Trip October 2022

October 17-20, 2022. The group will be staying at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio and will visit numerous San Antonio Riverwalk and surrounding area attractions. The trip will also include stops to visit the Natural Bridge Cavern, Alsatian Homes in Castroville and the historic Square in Georgetown, TX. For more information or to sign-up, visit the PrimeTimers table

outside of the Gift Shop. Please contact Jim Maciejewski at (815) 245-3756 or or any of the "Roadies."



As of August 21, 2022

Church	Faith	<b>Budget</b>

Given last week
Given year to date
Given year to date last year

#### **Building Fund**

Given last week			
Building Fund Total for 2022			

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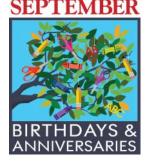
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In planning for the future, consider including the church in your will.



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				<b>1</b> 9:00 AM-Kingdom Yoga 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 9:45 AM- Kingdom Yoga Beginner 10:15 AM-Kingdom Chair Yoga	2	<b>3</b> 8:15 AM-Kingdom Yoga Intermediate 9:15 AM-Kingdom Yoga Beginner
<b>4</b> 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Adult Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 3:30 PM-JOYFUL 5:30 PM-MESH	<b>5</b> <i>LABOR DAY</i> <i>Church office and</i> <i>School closed</i>	<b>6</b> 5:30 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	7 6:00 PM-Cherubs/ Choristers 6:30 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-Worship Service	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM-Kingdom Yoga 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 9:45 AM- Kingdom Yoga Beginner 10:15 AM-Kingdom Chair Yoga	9	<b>10</b> 8:00 AM-Elders Meeting 8:15 AM-Kingdom Yoga Intermediate 9:15 AM-Kingdom Yoga Beginner
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