



# THE MESSENGER

## AGED OR AGELESS

There is a frantic search for many people today to find the Fountain of Youth. Hair rinses, clothing styles, cosmetics, exercise programs, and diets all try to maintain a youthful appearance.

A Christian never has to worry about passing through the various stages of life from childhood to old age. Every period of life has its own blessings. And God is with us through all of the periods of our lives.

From cradle to grave, God shows His great love to us. Every human being needs the love of others. Children need the love of their parents and parents need the love of their children. We all appreciate love from our friends. There are a number of ways to show our love for one another. A thoughtful gift, an occasional phone call, an unexpected visit, or a little note can bring a lot of joy to us. A few words of gratitude from a loved one can also bring a tear to our eyes.

The joy of aging Christians is to know that by faith in Jesus they are ageless. Jesus says it best to us, "Let not your heart be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms. I am going to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you to Myself, so you can be where I am." The assurance of God's love for us brings the anticipation of being with Jesus one day in heaven. Heaven has no calendar. One day we will be forever with our Lord.



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## BUILDING FUND

Your continued giving to our Building Fund is greatly appreciated. Recently, we voted as a congregation to build our new Life Center. The Building Committee continues their work to put together the details of what our Life Center could look like. You will be hearing a lot from them in the next few months. Your amazing generosity is making this Life Center a reality. You are making a big difference in leading more people to Jesus and to heaven.

*When life is sweet, say thank you and celebrate. When life is bitter, say thank you and grow!*



## THRIVENT "CHOICE DOLLARS" ANNIVERSARY

This last month marked the 13th anniversary of Thrivent enacting the program that helps its members/investors to distribute dollars that would otherwise be profit and affect its non-profit standing with the U.S. tax rules. So, member/investors who have investments that generate "profit" are asked to denote to a true non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. Messiah is such a firm and has received some \$247,000 from Thrivent, at the direction of its involved members. These funds are in a separate account from the regular budget and have been used for emergency or needed purposes such as technology for worship services, Comfort Dog ministry, landscaping, etc. If you are currently directing funds, thank you for doing so. Check your account periodically to see if you have other dollars to handle. Gordon Hanson- Cong. advocate



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## *It's Your Best Day!* ☺

Have you ever felt, as a Christian, that you are out of place in this world? Or that you don't quite fit in, or that you see things from an entirely different perspective than other people do?

If you have, CONGRATULATIONS! As Jesus might say, "You are officially 'in' the world, but not 'of' the world."

I was reminded of that this morning, while talking on the phone with a nice lady from the IRS. We were discussing some information they need from me, in order for me to verify my identity, as the executor of my deceased mother's estate. As many of you know, Mom went to heaven back in April of this year, and I got the job of settling her estate. As I was talking with the agent, thinking that I had all of the information in front of me that I needed – she was explaining to me that I needed extra stuff: the tax return from 2021 and 2022; all the usual executor info, AND... Form 56! And, the next time I talk with the IRS on this matter, I must fax the completed Form 56 to them – while I am talking to them in that moment. Whew!

In my own defense, I stated to her, that what was very confusing was that, even though I had to verify who I was to sign her tax form, the IRS still cashed the check, which I in fact signed, as Executor. She laughed and said, "Welcome to IRS World!"

That got me thinking about the difference between the worlds we occupy, the rules which govern them, and how mysterious and confusing it can be, when your world is different from everyone else's.

Christians today are often heard lamenting that the world has changed so much, it's hardly recognizable from the one many of us grew up in. Technology has a lot to do with that, as the speed of change has caught many people in a kind of "Rip van Winkle" reality. The onset of AI has many people wondering about their futures, mostly with anxiety attached. I recently learned that AI determines "truth," not on the basis of reliability, but on the basis of repetition. Sort of like the old "telephone game," that the more data is repeated, the more "truthful" it is presumed to be.

So, what are we to do?

Remember Jesus' sentiment: "You are officially 'in' the world, but not 'of' the world." In fact, this world isn't even our "home." So, let's not give in to fear; but lean on trust. Let's learn more about what is happening around us, but keep our eyes on Jesus (someone should write a hymn about that!). And, let's celebrate that we live in Jesus World!



It's Your Best Day...  
Be Normal in Jesus World!  
Pastor Jim Otte

# Y'ALL COME FELLOWSHIP



**WESTERN DAYS FESTIVAL**  
LEWISVILLE, TEXAS

### WESTERN DAYS FESTIVAL IN LEWISVILLE

Saturday, September 30th

Old Town Lewisville, 150 W Church St, Lewisville, TX, United States, 75057

11:00am—???

Admission is Free before 5:00pm

<http://www.lewisvillewesterndays.com/>

Festival activities throughout the day include vendors, live music, The Padrino Foods World Tamale Eating Championship at Noon

A visit to Old Town Lewisville is like a delightful step back in time to an earlier era. Authentic historic buildings anchoring Old Town date back to the 1880s and provide the backdrop for dining, shopping, drinking, cultural entertainment, and special events. To sign up, please e-mail Ellen Thorne, [eet75002@yahoo.com](mailto:eet75002@yahoo.com).

# A Word From Pastor Lee

## Psalm 8

It's hard to look up into the sky and to really see the stars where we live. With all of the light pollution around us, it can be hard to clearly see God's wonderful creation at night. Have you ever stopped and looked up at the stars at night when you were out in the country? As much as we think about the vast universe that God created, did you know that David thought about and wrote about it?

In Psalm 8, we can almost picture David, the once-shepherd boy, taking a moment to look up at the sky and say, "Yahweh," or "Lord," "how majestic is your name in all the earth." He is thinking about how majestic God's Name, "Yahweh," or Lord, is in all the earth. Then he writes, "You have set your glory in the heavens." Isn't God a majestic Creator? All the things that we see and even the things that we don't see, God created.

Then, David writes about children and infants. He says, "Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger." You might be wondering, "What is David saying here?" Well, God worked in some strange ways. He had a plan to save our world from sin and He did it very differently. God sent His One and Only Son, Jesus, into our broken and sinful world. On Palm Sunday, the day that we celebrate when Jesus entered into Jerusalem, Jesus then went to the temple (Matthew 21). What does Jesus find? People were using God's church to buy and sell things. So, Jesus drove out the moneychangers and then heals the blind and the lame. But the chief priests and teachers of the law, the experts, saw all of Jesus' miracles and how the children were shouting. They were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David." Matthew tells us that these experts were "indignant." They were very angry and annoyed at Jesus. So they ask, "Do you hear what these children are saying?" Jesus then said, "Yes," and then said, "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise." Jesus was repeating Psalm 8 verse 2. Isn't that amazing? These children sang about Jesus, the Messiah, crying out to Him to save them as the "Son of David." Talk about strange. Jesus certainly silenced the chief priests and teachers of the law. He is the "stronghold" that David was writing about. God established this stronghold "from the mouths of infants and nursing babies."

David thought about all that God had made: the moon, the stars, he then asked, "What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" When we look at the moon, the stars, all that God made, we might think the same and say, "Wow! God also made me and cares for me. He loves me that much?" That is right! God cares so much for us as His people that He chose to send us His One and Only Son, Jesus, into our broken and sinful world, to be born, to live perfectly, and to die on the cross, in order to give us forgiveness of our sins. Jesus loves us that much! When we consider what David also considered, we can't help but say, "Wow! God you love us so much! You love us and Your Name is majestic in all the earth."

The next time that you look up and see the moon, the stars, maybe some planets, you might sing the Psalm that David wrote and praise our God by saying, "How majestic is your Name in all the earth!"



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## Workshop to Prepare for the Partial Solar Eclipse in October

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 24, at 12:30 PM.** A workshop will be held to prepare for the partial Solar eclipse happening on October 14, 2023 in Dallas. Come and enjoy free pizza and drinks while learning how to safely view the partial eclipse. More details in the weeks ahead. For more information contact Armin Bernhardt at 469-688-8501.



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# JULIETs

*Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together*

**JULIETs Dining Out for the Ladies**

Monday, September 11th, 6:15pm  
Apollonia's Italian,  
3610 Shire Blvd Ste 108 Richardson  
(469) 209 0500

[www.apolloniasitaliankitchen.com](http://www.apolloniasitaliankitchen.com)

RSVP to Ellen Thorne [eet75002@gmail.com](mailto:eet75002@gmail.com)



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**  
for your sweet support through baking and donations made for our August 13th Bake Sale which benefits Messiah's Kingdom Women ministry, Messiah's Lambs Early Childhood Center, and Hope's Door outreach for domestic abuse victims. We raised \$1358 for these ministries. May God bless this gift in many ways to touch lives for His glory!

**THE CHOSEN SEASON TWO WATCH PARTY & POTLUCK FOR ALL  
SEE THE GOSPEL COME TO LIFE  
Season Two: Episodes 5-8 on Saturday, September 16th at 10:00AM  
2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room  
If you like to cook or grocery shop, please bring a dish to share.**

Those of us who are big fans of The Chosen are selecting our favorites to enjoy again and hopefully to share that joy with those who haven't yet experienced it. You will be an eye-witness to Jesus' life of ministry in a way you won't forget. If you are already a fan, we hope you will invite others. Please pray for all who attend.

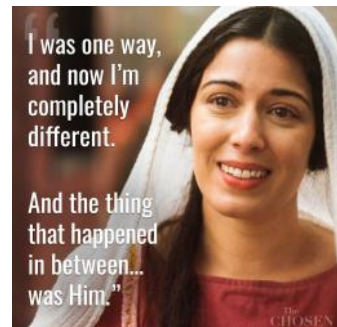
E-mail Ellen Thorne, [eet75002@gmail.com](mailto:eet75002@gmail.com) to sign up and/or to get the schedule for the day in case you can only stay for a short time and want to see certain episodes.

## KINGDOM WOMEN MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP



At 10am on September 23rd, we gather in the 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room. We will begin Season 3 of The Chosen. The Sermon on the Mount: various elements are brought to life with incredible clarity as many of the characters show the depth of meaning of Jesus's message. He delivers this sermon before He and the disciples return to their families. We will discuss the episode and enjoy a delicious lunch served by our Cabana Boys ministry.

To get more information or to sign up to attend, please contact me, [eet75002@gmail.com](mailto:eet75002@gmail.com).



## KINGDOM WOMEN FALL RETREAT

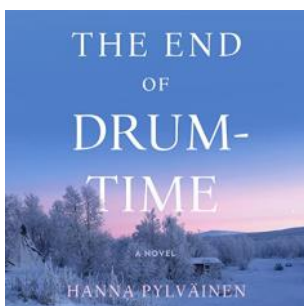
**"Remember Me"-a study of the Feast of Passover**

Friday, Nov. 4th through Sunday, the 6th, with optional stay on the 3rd  
Wildcatter Ranch, Graham, Texas ([wildcatterranch.com](http://wildcatterranch.com))

To learn more about the retreat, please go to

<https://tinyurl.com/KWRememberMeRetreat2023>

or contact Ellen Thorne after Labor Day at [eet75002@gmail.com](mailto:eet75002@gmail.com)  
or 972-398-7508. Final retreat payment is due on October 5th.



## KINGDOM WOMEN BOOK CLUB-NEW BOOK FOR FALL

**"The End of the Drum Time" by Hanna Pylväinen**

*Discussion will be held on Monday, October 23rd, 6:15pm in the Reception Room*

In 1851, at a remote village in the Scandinavian tundra, a Lutheran minister known as Mad Lasse tries in vain to convert the native Sámi reindeer herders to his faith. But when one of the most respected herders has a dramatic awakening and dedicates his life to the church, his impetuous son, Ivvár, is left to guard their diminishing herd alone. Gorgeously written and sweeping in scope, Hanna's book immerses listeners in a world lit by the northern lights, steeped in age-old rituals, and guided by passions that transcend place and time. Contact Leanne Moore or me for more info.



JOIN  
PRIMETIMERS  
SEPTEMBER 25-28TH



## EUREKA SPRINGS

- Questions: Jim Maciejewski (815) 245-3756, Tim Johnson (972) 408-5499, Larry Redding (214) 558-1569, Jim Puckett (501) 837-091



**LAST CHANCE TO VOLUNTEER AT  
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN IN 2023**  
The PrimeTimers will be working at Feed My Starving Children on Monday September 18th from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. This event is open to ALL Adult Members and Friends of Messiah.

Please call or text Linda Maciejewski at 847-977-4320 or email at [jandlvb@verizon.net](mailto:jandlvb@verizon.net) with questions or to sign up.

The address is 1680 N. Glenville Dr. Suite 300, Richardson, TX, 75081. See you there!!



Dear Messiah Friends, Thanks for all the many prayers for my recovery from hip replacement surgery. Also, I appreciate the phone calls, cards, the visits, and meals. How blessed to be a member of such a caring and loving congregation. A special thanks to our pastors for checking on me weekly. In Christian Love, Marcheta May



On August 1, Pastor Otte informed and entertained us with his talk on "Why Do Men Do What They Do." Twenty-six women attended along with Pastor Lee. (He came to offer some male moral support to Pastor Otte!) We also enjoyed a wonderful potluck luncheon before discussing many other topics of concern in today's world such as mental health and social media.



The next LWML meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 13, at 11 a.m.** in the Reception Room by The Lamp Gift Shop. Please remember to bring your mites, stamps, card fronts, and ideas for the new year, as well as something to share for lunch. We will have a short business meeting and the installation of this year's officers.

All Messiah women are invited to attend, and I look forward to seeing you then. Mary Jane Tobaben, President

### Dining Out Club



**Thursday, September 21, 6:30 PM**  
**Rockfish Seafood & Grill**  
**7639 Campbell Road, Dallas**  
**TX 972-267-8979**

**(Intersection of Campbell and Coit)**

Open to all adults. Join your friends and more friends at the restaurant that was "Born on the Bayou." Den and Ann Hiser will be the hosts (214-492-9896). Sign-up sheets in Bible studies and at the PrimeTimer Table.



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# *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!

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



## **Sanctuary Choir-Youth-Adults—Tuesdays from 7:15-8:30 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 Brenda Bucher & 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 Dorothy Sherrod

**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.

**Questions?** Contact Dorothy Sherrod –972-398-7507  
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TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
 <p><b>Joyful Ringers</b>                      6:00-7:00pm                      Balcony                      Starts <b>September 5th</b></p>	 <p><b>Children's Choir</b>                      6:00-6:50 p.m.</p>
	 <p>Choir Room-E201S                      Starts <b>September 6th</b></p>
 <p><b>Sanctuary Choir</b>                      7:15-8:30pm                      Chapel                      Starts <b>September 5th</b></p>	 <p><b>Sanctuary Orchestra</b>                      7:30-8:45 p.m.                      Choir room-E201S                      Starts <b>October 4th</b></p>
SUNDAYS	
 <p><b>Praise Team</b>                      9:45am                      Balcony                      Meets year round</p>	



**Praise Fest 2023-Event in Collin County on Saturday, September 30th, from 3:00-7:00 PM, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6565 Independence Parkway, Plano, Texas. This free, outdoor music festival will highlight a variety of contemporary Christian music played by praise bands from our local LCMS churches, including Messiah. There will be organized games for families plus a Kid Zone activity area featuring bounce houses and an outdoor playground. Food and drinks will be available. Also, those attending may choose to bring their own food and beverages for an old-fashioned family picnic.**

*All are welcome to attend!*



*In Our Music, God is Glorified*



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# SUCH SWEET SUNDAYS!

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.”

Psalm 34:8



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## Sunday SCHOOL

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD  
*Growing in Faith Together*

**READY?** With all the preparation for back to school, KidMin has been busy doing the same for Fall Sunday School. During August, children received blessings over them and their backpacks, and a really cool keychain tag. Then the Spirit went to work filling the kids and the hallways with Rally Day spirit for all to hear. They learned that sweet Sundays joyfully worshipping the Lord are even better than sweet ice cream sundaes. (Photos below.) Children just starting Kindergarten were invited to a morning Footprints of Faith - Family Faith Walk. Families came away with ideas (and a devotion book) to inspire teachable Bible moments during everyday activities all year long. **SET?** Finally, the new Sunday School staff met to review the goals for Christian Education @ MLC and receive the fall quarter of curriculum to reach those goals. September is the starting point with fall classes beginning Sept. 4th. **GO!**





## ***Notes from the Garden***

Psalm 145:5

I will **meditate** on your majestic, glorious splendor, and your wonderful miracles.

**Meditation** is defined as the process or act of focusing one's thoughts on something or an idea. It can be a mental exercise or concentration on breathing or repeating certain words. With this broad a definition there are any number of ways a person can meditate. Meditate in a way that works for you. Meditation Examples / Reciting a passage that is special to you out loud. Record a verse or verses in a journal multiple times. (Some people use this strategy to memorize God's Words). Think about an idea (mercy, grace, love, hope or faith) and consider your breathing, close your eyes, and relax your shoulders. Try to narrow your focus, and not let distractions interrupt your focus. Submitted by *Richard Edwards*

### ***Featured Garden Flower***

#### **"Texas Ranger or Purple Sage"**

Although it may be called sage, it is not really a plant from the *Salvia* genus. Its purple flowers and silver-green leaves make it an excellent plant for any scenic landscape. It's called Texas sage because it's native to Texas. Texas ranger, or *Leucophyllum frutescens*, is grown as an easycare ornamental shrub. Its leaves and foliage have a silvery grey appearance, which is from the soft white hairs that cover the leaves. The leaves are soft to the touch. It's also called the barometer plant locally because the shrub will bloom once it starts to get humid after a long drought; or after heavy rains, the shrub will burst into bloom, covering its foliage with a rose-colored blanket of flowers that attract all kinds of bees and hummingbirds.

Texas ranger is native to arid, semi-desert habitats and does not need much water to thrive. Excess water can damage its roots and impair flowering. During its dormant winter period, the plant should not need to be watered at all. In the growing season, it can benefit from occasional watering during dry spells. Texas ranger is specially adapted to survive in sandy soils that are low in nutrients. Because of this, the attractive and easy-to-care-for wildflower does not require the addition of any mulch or artificial fertilizer. Submitted by *Randy Konkel*



## ***MESSIAH LUTHERAN COLUMBARIUM***



For many centuries, cemeteries were commonly found in church yards. However, in the crowded urban communities of today, this is no longer practical. A modern alternative is the Columbarium, which allows church members and their families to have their enduring resting place in the shadow of the church. The Columbarium fulfills the mission of the Church to oversee the spiritual life of its congregation from baptism through life to death. The Messiah Columbarium is located in The Prayer Garden at the rear of the Sanctuary. It has 200 niches of which 74 are still available. Each niche holds 2 urns. The Columbarium is a sacred site of beauty and dignity where loved ones can visit and meditate any time. As the wall nears capacity, a second wall will be erected on the opposite side of the garden. Pastor Kollmann or myself will be happy to answer any questions and discuss details with you.

*Bill Johnson*

# YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth office has a new email. Please use YouthMin@messiahlutheran.com for all communications for youth ministry. This is a shared mailbox for Jodi and Micah. All youth email and registration communications will come through Realm. Please update parent and youth contact information. Parents will receive emails if you choose not to have your youth's email in the data base. For texting, all texts will be sent through Remind. Please check the bulletin insert and the weekly email for those sign-ups.

## Weekly Youth Activities

Sunday School each Sunday—9:45 AM in the youth room. **Bring your Bible!**

## Wednesdays for 5th –8th grade

JAM 6:30—7:30 PM, in the youth room

## Sundays for High School

MESH 5:00—7:00 PM in the youth room

## Young Adults—College and Career

Sunday morning Bible Class in Room E247N. If you know college and career adults, please connect us to them. Join us this morning: 9:45-10:45 AM

**September 17 @ 11:30 PM** Monthly Brunch/ Lunch aka Seat at The Table at El Fenix 810 N Central Expy, Plano, TX 75074 RSVP on Realm or email youthmin@messiahlutheran.com so we know to save your seat at the table.

## Our Sunday School is Growing!

Are you interested in helping teach the Word of God to the youth of Messiah and their friends? We need more teachers as our Sunday School is growing. We need 1 teacher and 1 helper for Middle School.

## Middle Schoolers!



Join Middle Schoolers from North Texas for the Recess Retreat! Register on Realm! Registration fee is \$50. Details are on the Realm registration page. Sign up TODAY!

**Deadline to register is September 6th.**

2nd Sunday MYM 5:00—7:00 PM  
Each month, join us for all youth fellowship! Last month we held our back to school bash or back to school SPLASH! Check out the pictures below. Join us this month!





# COMFORT DOG MINISTRY



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

After a 3 year hiatus, the LCC-K9 Comfort Dog Conference was held in July and hosted over 500 attendees and 90 Comfort Dogs. This conference is an opportunity for the other Comfort dog teams across our nation to gather and benefit from teaching that increases our knowledge useful for ministry as well as a refresher training with the dogs. It's also a wonderful time for fellowship with each other and to offer encouragement and to share experiences.



Susan Shehan, Kathy Mardis, Carolyn Nussman, Jane Baedke, Triton, & Marti Matz



Southwest Region teams

*Comfort Dog Ministry celebrates 5 years at Messiah Lutheran!*

On Sunday, August 20, the Comfort Dog Ministry celebrated 5 years serving the Lord at Messiah. On August 26, 2018, Triton and his team were officially commissioned to serve the Lord as representatives of Messiah Lutheran and Lutheran Church Charities, so each year we like to commemorate the beginning of this special ministry and to extend our gratitude to our supportive congregation.

For more information about the Comfort Dog Ministry, contact our "Top Dog" Carolyn Nussman, email: [messiahk9comfort@gmail.com](mailto:messiahk9comfort@gmail.com)  
Triton's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TritonComfortDog>  
Triton's Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/lcck9triton/>



## Messiah Serves: Social Ministries and Outreach

### Touching Lives Through Christ

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*The mission of our Outreach Ministries is to be Jesus' hands to our church, city, national, and international community. We do this through weekly opportunities for hands-on service such as those listed below and also through contributions to community charities such as Network of Community Ministries and the Assistance Center of Collin County. These are wonderful organizations that are equipped to deal with the long-term needs of struggling individuals.*



Good Samaritans of Garland  
Feeding · Helping · Serving

### September Service Project Supporting Good Samaritans Of Garland!

In the August worship bulletins I had described our service project as CHEESY, CREAMY and NUTTY! If **Mac 'N' Cheese and Peanut Butter** came to mind, you're right!! Our service project throughout September will be collecting boxes of Mac 'N' Cheese and Peanut Butter for Good Samaritans of Garland's food pantry. These two items are always in great need, especially Mac 'N' Cheese. They rarely have it in stock to put in the daily food bags given out.

Posters are made and collection bins are ready to be filled. They are located at the Social Ministries table and in the Youth Room! Let's help overflow Good Samaritans of Garland's food pantry with Mac 'N' Cheese and Peanut Butter, enabling them to have enough in stock to have part of the food bags given out daily. Let's have some fun and fill the collection bins to the rim weekly!



Our Community Weekend of Service is **September 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** this year. I'm looking forward to the opportunities we will have to serve our neighbors and to share God's love with them.

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

*Sunday school classes for the Fall are officially under way, cooler temperatures will hopefully soon arrive and one of our favorite annual outreach projects is almost here.*



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.

### OUR ONGOING PROJECTS



NETWORK



Please note that all collection projects are located in the designated collection area next to the Family Room in the Chapel building. For questions about any of our collection projects, you can contact me at [dawnmj@fastmail.net](mailto:dawnmj@fastmail.net).

# News from Messiah Lambs

What an Almighty God we serve. We are already off to a great start this school year. We opened our doors to 140 students and their families on Wednesday and immediately started settling into routines. We look forward to all the ways that God will speak to us, and through us.

**Classroom Spotlight:** This year I will introduce you to our classrooms and their teachers by spotlighting them each month with pictures and classroom highlights. This month we will start with our Kindergarten, taught by Mrs. Rebecca West. Mrs. West grew up as a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, graduated from Concordia Texas, and taught at Cross of Christ Lutheran in Desoto and Faith Lutheran in Plano before coming to Messiah Lambs in 1998.



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Kindergarten made a big change and moved to an upstairs classroom this year. One morning, I visited them to observe and asked the students about their new room. They excitedly told me about all the new and exciting decor, their different colored carpet squares, and their favorite book character Pete the Cat.

Here is what they had to say.

1. About their classroom: *"We have the best room. It's a huge room! We like being upstairs."*
2. About Mrs. West: *"She worked very hard to put this room together." "She is very nice." "She gives us fun crafts."*
3. About their friends: *"We are helping each other and showing each other how to do stuff." "We are showing love to one another."*

There are seven students enrolled in this class, but we still have room for more. If you know of anyone who is needing a smaller, Christ-filled classroom for kindergarten please have them contact the Lambs office.



Thank you for your continued prayers for our school, students, staff, and families. This month I ask that you pray that God would send us a couple more staff members to fill out our team and allow more children to attend our school. Thank you.

**Important Upcoming Dates:** Sept 4: Labor Day-No School

# SEPTEMBER



Jimmy Walther	9/1	Todd Berkland	9/8	Luke Szatkowski	9/17	Loraine Davis	9/24
Brenda Becker	9/1	Robert Schroeter	9/8	Kailey Blackmon	9/17	Melanie Whitaker	9/24
Trevis Bartlett	9/1	James Sherrod	9/9	Garry Smith	9/17	Linda Funke	9/24
J. Kyle Schlender	9/1	Ned Babb	9/9	Craig Bettin	9/17	Kent Moore	9/24
Kim Smitherman	9/1	Bonnie Voth	9/9	Becky Koeneman	9/17	Michael Gertsch	9/24
Irma Natvig	9/1	Jim O'Connor	9/9	Drew Fowler	9/18	Collin Heller	9/24
Edith Strommen	9/1	Christopher Abtahi	9/9	Raymond Randall	9/18	Cyndi Scruggs	9/24
Aiden Binder	9/1	Kendall Wolkenstein	9/9	Bill Brock	9/18	London Bailey	9/24
Jim Tobaben	9/2	Gwen Workman	9/9	Bill Turbitt	9/18	Ed Meissner	9/25
JoEllen Johnson	9/2	Evan Becker	9/10	Gabe Maele	9/18	Tommy Wolf	9/25
Charlotte Ehle	9/2	Lori Phelps	9/10	Michael Fouche	9/19	Carole Cantu	9/25
Dan Pfalzgraff	9/2	Paige Voorhees	9/10	Audrey Lane	9/19	Gwen McTernen	9/25
Koby Griggs	9/2	Cheryl Monroe	9/10	Michael Nichols	9/19	Jill Gross	9/25
Donald Amundson	9/3	Rebecca Fazio	9/10	Maxwell Baker	9/19	Alexander Aviles	9/25
Sandy Johnson	9/3	Karen Bernhardt	9/10	Alysia Ehle	9/19	Michelle Scruggs	9/25
Bob Weldon	9/3	Madison Timmons	9/10	Karleen Gillian	9/19	Nate Koeneman	9/25
Brooklyn Muong	9/3	Devon Kiehne	9/10	Krystal Nesbit	9/19	Chase Brown	9/26
Dana Terry	9/3	Denton Pfister	9/11	John Gray	9/19	Sharon Luker	9/26
Stormie Box	9/3	John Swanson	9/11	Dalton Gray	9/19	Bill Harland	9/26
Randy Huechteman	9/4	Ann Becvarik	9/11	Sierra George	9/19	Katherine Wolfe	9/26
Michael Chrisman	9/4	Magic Schubert	9/11	Liz Beetley	9/20	Hal Cobble	9/26
Anna Ohlmeier	9/4	Freeman Dunlap	9/12	Dana Livingston	9/20	Sarah Reynolds	9/26
Phineas Meeks	9/4	Katy Schweinsberg	9/12	Jud Good	9/20	Brittanee Pless-Shamshiri	9/26
Kristin Forester	9/4	Joan Konkel	9/12	Heather Smith	9/20	Madison Gibson	9/27
Matthew Mortonson	9/4	Pamela Hammond	9/12	Linda Jagels	9/20	Marian Chrisman	9/27
Mel Bridge	9/5	Katie Albanese	9/12	Darryl Nelson	9/20	Jenna Quade	9/27
John Parks	9/5	Charlton Hall	9/13	Sean Gremmer	9/20	Steven Miller	9/27
Leigh Siedelmann	9/5	Scott Smith	9/13	David Walling	9/20	Barbara Janowski	9/27
Doug Williams	9/5	Erin Price	9/13	Kyla Keown	9/20	Max Hall	9/27
Grace Thomas	9/5	Frederick Strieter	9/14	Carolyn Robinson	9/20	Richard Athey	9/27
Nina Greenhaw	9/5	Alexander Beetley	9/14	Linda Roberge	9/21	Sheela Keerthi Kommareddy	9/27
Natalie Westbrook	9/5	Carrie Davis	9/14	Sheri Brown	9/21	Richard Switzer	9/28
Jason Steele	9/5	Randy Kottwitz	9/14	Laura Mayberry	9/21	David Amundson	9/28
Brendon Hoffman	9/5	Ede Jozsef Vessey	9/14	Gisela Von Hagen	9/21	Jacob Knoernschild	9/28
David Daubert	9/5	Rose Babbitt	9/15	Camden Quade	9/22	Elizabeth Williams	9/28
Breona Gresham	9/5	Ed Chytil	9/15	Emily Napier	9/22	Steve Livingston	9/28
Charles Hayes	9/5	Judy Krizan	9/15	Priscella Reid	9/22	Martha Cobble	9/28
Rosann Hoekendorf	9/6	Hayden Gullett	9/15	Kenneth Terry	9/22	Kelsey Onovo	9/28
Drake Daubert	9/6	Jaclyn Wuebbles	9/15	Andrew Ellis	9/22	Todd Allen Smith	9/28
Stacy ZumMallen	9/6	Tate Calhoun	9/15	Nathan Paradowski	9/22	Amanda Belfield	9/28
Ron Thompson	9/7	Jaxtyn West	9/15	Carol Marlow	9/22	Kathy Grayson	9/29
Riley Forester	9/7	Steve Murphy	9/15	Hailey Bowling	9/22	Robert Moore	9/29
Grace Glass	9/7	Isabella Maisch	9/15	Jamie Graham	9/22	Theresa Hoffman	9/29
Kyra Clark	9/7	Pat Bewley	9/15	Bethany Mortonson	9/22	Gabriel Maele	9/29
Sara Wales	9/8	Ashlyn Sauer	9/15	Ryan Patrick	9/22	John Fitzpatrick	9/29
		Leyton Gunn	9/15	Lina Parks	9/22	Josh Nelson	9/29
		Jan Bender	9/16	George Simmons	9/22	Theresa Shipp	9/29
		Don Livingston	9/16	Eli Gremmer	9/23	Sue Bettin	9/30
		Kathy Hicks	9/16	Eleanor Kellerman	9/23	Ainsley Bouessa	9/30
		Shannon Whitesell	9/16	Kelly Rehfuss	9/23	Mike Morris	9/30
		Kyle Crittenden	9/16	Carol Clem	9/23	Bill Pletch	9/30
		Larry Collins	9/17	Micah West	9/23	Carl Crittenden	9/30
		Linda Patrick	9/17	Grace Sartor	9/23	Gary Weiss	9/30
		John Devine	9/17	Ann Strieter	9/24	Donna Johnson	9/30
		Chris West	9/17	Donna Swan	9/24	Michael Pace	9/30
		Sharon Draper	9/17	Martha Trimpe	9/24	Theodore McCallan	9/30
		Tory Phelps	9/17	Aaron Mayberry	9/24	Amelia Haugen	9/30
		Tobias T. Meeks	9/17	Thresa Scott	9/24	Aimee Idahor	9/30

Jim & Karen McKee	9/1/1993	Scott & Katherine Smith	9/11/2010	Jeff & Christen Marsh	9/22/2007
John & Cindi Staal	9/2/2000	Jerry & Jane Baedke	9/11/1970	Frank & Dianne Steele	9/23/1991
Leon & Brandi Mata	9/2/2017	Jim & Linda Maciejewski	9/12/1987	Jeff & Diana Gutknecht	9/24/1994
John & Wanda Dowdy	9/3/2006	Ryan & Sarah Heller	9/12/2015	Matthew & Paige Voorhees	9/24/2011
Jason & Melissa Herter	9/3/1994	Ron & Elaine Myers	9/13/1985	Jabea & Brandi Akale	9/24/2017
John & Carol Nation	9/4/2020	Kurt & Christa Claussner	9/13/1997	Mike & Marilyn Loughray	9/25/2003
Paul & Cheryl Monroe	9/5/1998	Josh & Courtney Hamit	9/13/2014	Marion & Bonnie Gebhardt	9/26/1998
Dylan & Eva Dunlop	9/5/2015	Michael & Laura Janiszewski	9/14/2019	Chuck & Ellen Thorne	9/26/1997
Tom & Gerda Holland	9/6/1975	Cannon & Melinda Kellerman	9/15/2012	Peter & Stephanie Calabrese	9/26/1992
James & Linda Sawyers	9/6/1969	Larry & Virginia Bryant	9/16/1972	Rick & Dianne Kiehne	9/26/1998
Juan & Keri Gonzales	9/8/2017	Sam & Kathy Hicks	9/16/2016	Bruce & Karina Van Horn	9/26/2009
Jim & Lisa Heath	9/8/2001	Trey & Meredith Charanza	9/16/2011	Eric & Maya Bensen	9/26/1998
Jim & Joan Nilmeier	9/9/1966	Richard & Brenda Switzer	9/17/2011	Mark & Christi Rachal	9/28/2007
Jim & Sara Sharkey	9/9/2006	Lanny & Teresa Surratt	9/17/2011	Kelly & Anne Jordan	9/29/2000
Chris & Lainie Kans	9/9/2009	Steve & Lina Murphy	9/17/2016	Gabriel & Audrine Maele	9/29/1991
Bill & Donna Johnson	9/10/2011	Prashanth & Pamela Chinta	9/17/2008	Darwin & Georgia Easley	9/29/1959
Richard & Colette Siemrzych	9/10/1989	Mike & Jen Dubois	9/18/1996	Wes & Nina Greenhaw	9/29/2000
Bob & Barbara Mortonson	9/10/1978	Jeff & Katherine Godwin	9/21/1991		
Sean & Jessica Gremmer	9/11/2010	Bill & Sherry Moyer	9/21/1968		

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School <b>11:00 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 5:00 PM-MESH	<b>4</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> <i>Church office and School closed</i>	<b>5</b> 5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance  6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers  7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>6</b> 1:00 PM-Prayer Shawl Ministry  6:00 PM-Children's Choir  6:30 PM-JAM  <b>7:00 PM-Worship Service</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class	<b>8</b>       <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Community Weekend of Service</div>	<b>9</b>       
<b>10</b> <b>8:30 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School <b>11:00 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 3:30 PM-JOYFUL Bible Study 5:00 PM-MYM	<b>11</b> 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance  5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing  6:15 PM-JULIETS Dining Out  7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class  5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance  6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>13</b> 11:00 AM-LWML Meeting 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study  6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:30 PM-JAM  <b>7:00 PM-Worship Service</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class	<b>15</b>       	<b>16</b> 8:00 AM-Elders Meeting  10:00 AM-Chosen Watch Party/Potluck
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<b>24</b> <b>8:30 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School <b>11:00 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 12:30 PM-Eclipse Workshop 5:00 PM-MESH	<b>25</b> 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance  5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing  7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class  5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance  6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>27</b> 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study  6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:30 PM-JAM  <b>7:00 PM-Worship Service</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class	<b>29</b>       	<b>30</b>       11:00 AM-Ya'll come fellowship
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## SHARING HIS LIGHT

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

### *September Worship Opportunities*

- 3- Worship Celebration-Labor Day Weekend
- 6- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 10- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion
- 13- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 17- Worship Celebration
- 20- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 24- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion
- 27- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM