



THE MESSENGER

GIVING THAT GROWS PEOPLE AND MINISTRIES

Through your giving to your church, you continue to make a great difference for God and in the lives of many people.

Every Sunday I share with you some very specific ways that your giving makes a difference. Your giving continues to help our members with their physical and spiritual needs. Your giving continues to help people in need in our communities. Those people include the elderly, abused mothers, pregnant mothers, deserted children, and many other people who need your help. Your giving also continues to help missionaries to take the Good News of Jesus to places all over the world.



REV. DR. VICTOR J. KOLLMANN
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Some of your giving enables your church to reach out in love to our many members. Some of your giving enables us to Share the Light of Jesus in very practical ways.

- 1) You help to provide Biblical preaching and teaching each week that God uses to encourage people and to give them a reason for living.
- 2) You help to care for our elderly shut-ins, as we regularly bring Holy Communion and encouragement to them.
- 3) You help us to provide printed resources each week to help members grow through their worship of God.
- 4) You help to provide the bread and the wine that God uses in Holy Communion to forgive the sins and to strengthen the faith of our many members.
- 5) You help to provide the Baptism items that enable us to celebrate God's gift of life to many of our families.
- 6) You help to be sure our property remains safe and clean to honor God for giving us such a beautiful campus.
- 7) You help to provide Care Ministries for our members, such as our Comfort Dog Ministry and our Footprints Ministry to our children.
- 8) You help to provide the electricity and the gas and the water to be able to maintain buildings for our ministry of love and care to our members.

These are just some of the many ways that your giving to your Lord through your church makes a difference here and around the world. May God continue to bless our giving to Him to lead more people to be able to celebrate their life with Jesus!

OUR NEW LIFE CENTER

Lots of activity is going on now in the building of our Life Center. The concrete slab has been poured. The steel is in place. The roof is starting to take shape. The new bathrooms and the large concourse are being built as well.

You can help us with the infrastructure of this Life Center through buying a chair for the fellowship hall and youth areas or through buying a kitchen item. Our Life Center will lead more people to Jesus and to heaven!

A Word From Pastor Lee

“Let the Children Come to Me...”

One of my favorite things about Sunday mornings is Children’s Time. I always look forward to spending time with any and all of the children who come forward to learn more about God’s Word during Sunday worship. It is a time specifically set aside for our children at Messiah to engage in and to learn more about God’s Word. For me, it is also a chance to connect with each student and to equip them to both learn and share God’s Word. Jesus knew how important children are.



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One day people were bringing children to Jesus in Mark chapter 10. These people wanted Jesus to touch them. But Jesus’ followers, His disciples, were trying to stop them. Mark tells us that Jesus was “indignant.” Jesus was annoyed, angry, or really displeased with their behavior. He said to His disciples, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” Jesus then gave them a great truth: “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” Jesus then took the children into His arms, blessed them, and then laid His hands on them.

It seems that the disciples thought that children were not important and they were trying to limit their access to Jesus. But this angered Jesus. He corrected their behavior. Children have a simple faith. This is one of the reasons I really enjoy Children’s Time. For kids, they simply trust. They know that Jesus died and rose for them. They believe it. They haven’t had the complicated life experiences that often get in the way of their faith. They haven’t experienced the problem of the young rich man who had a difficult time trusting in Jesus and following Him. For kids, they just believe. They trust Jesus as they would trust their parent to give them what they need. What happens when we have lots of stuff or riches is that they can become what we trust in. Riches and possessions can make us think that all we need is ourselves.

Perhaps this is why, after the rich man “went away sorrowful,” Jesus calls His disciples, “Children.” He wants them to be more like children, with a simple faith. The rich man had lots of possessions and wealth. He tried to earn his way to heaven through his own good behavior. But Jesus’ invitation to follow Him is different. It isn’t about what WE can do but about what HAS been done already FOR us. It is about God richly giving us His gift of forgiveness through Jesus’ death on the cross. It is about Jesus’ gift of eternal life that we receive through faith. Even though the disciples struggled to understand and were “exceedingly astonished,” Jesus told them, “With man it is impossible to be saved, but not with God.”

I pray that you will experience as much joy as I do during the next Children’s Time. I also pray for you as you continue to receive the precious gift of forgiveness through Jesus in His Word, Amen. God bless you all. – Pastor Lee

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
1 John 4:7



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Calendar

NEWS LETTER



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

<https://tinyurl.com/hw2mjrma>

JULIETs

Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together

JULIETs Dining Out for November
(all women invited)

Monday, November 11th, 6:15pm

BJs Restaurant & Brewhouse

1101 N Central Expressway in Plano

Sign up on Realm or by e-mailing

kingdomwomen@messiahlutheran.com



KINGDOM WOMEN BOOK CLUB

Monday, November 18th, 6:00pm

We are meeting to discuss

“The Red Tent” by by Anita Diamond

Questions? Contact Karrie at

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Feed my Starving Children

November 22, 5-6:45 pm

We will be meeting at Feed my Starving Children in Richardson. This is an amazing

opportunity to pack food for those in

need. Sign up on Realm or by emailing

Karrie at

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To Register for any event email
Kingdomwomen@Messiahlutheran.com
or visit Realm

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Kingdom Krafters - Macrame Event

Thursday November 14th

6:30 pm

At Marla's home

2175 Toole Dr. 75002

We will be doing a Christmas Macrame project.

It will be a Christmas tree wall hanging that is roughly 27" by 10". All experience levels welcome.

A supply list will be sent out when you register





**THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY IS
OFFERED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

Come to the Choir Room during the Bible Class Hour, 9:40-10:45am, to watch episodes of The CHOSEN followed by teaching and discussion. We're currently watching Season One.

If you have questions, contact our leader Gina Lehrmann at glehrmann@certaintyhomelending.com.

Invite all you love to come with you.



GRIEF SHARING

"Surviving the Holidays with Jesus at the Center."

*A seminar for those coping with the death of a loved one
in the midst of the holidays.*

Led by Rev. James Otte

There is no charge for this event.

Presented by
Messiah Lutheran Church
Touch Ministry
For more information,
please call
972-398-7500, or
email Pastor Lee at :
[mlee@ messiahlutheran.com](mailto:mlee@messiahlutheran.com)

Sunday, November 10th
Messiah Lutheran Sanctuary
Plano, Texas
Event begins at 1:30 PM
Tips for surviving the holidays,
small group discussion, and fellowship.
Light Refreshments will be provided.



The TIME IS FAST APPROACHING when we need the congregation to help us!
On **Wednesday, October 30, at 10 a.m.**, we are putting the Personal Care Kits together.

We will do this in the large upstairs classroom. We can use your help—ladies and men, too! Please come and help us complete this task efficiently. That day we will also be completing cards that get sent to our Veterans. **The trucks are coming on Saturday, November 9, from 9 to 3** for the loading of the LWR items from many churches around North Texas. The Elders will be there to help, but we need more men and youth to help with the hundreds of boxes that will be delivered. If teens need to have service hours, this is a great way to earn them. We will have snacks, water, and pizza. The officers and members of LWML wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mary Jane Tobaben, President



Messiah's Men's Ministry – November 30th

November finds us anticipating the celebration of Thanksgiving and preparing for the national elections in our country. Please take time to Thank God for the blessings bestowed upon our families and these United States.

Meaning of Thanksgiving: Praise to God

Thanksgiving is a time to glorify God as an act of worship, giving thanks for all things as part of God's providence. The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses upon relationship. Thanksgiving is a relationship between God and man. Upon their arrival at New Plymouth, the Pilgrims composed The Mayflower Compact, which honored God. Thanksgiving begins with acknowledging God as faithful, earnestly giving Him thanks, in advance, for His abundant blessings.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ([1 Thessalonians 5:18](#))

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! ([Psalm 107:1](#))

Does God expect Christians to vote?

As Christians, we should stand up and follow our command to fulfill our civic duties ([Matthew 22:21](#)). God is most certainly in control, but that does not mean we should do nothing to further His will. We are commanded to pray for our leaders ([1 Timothy 2:1-4](#)). Christians should vote as led through prayer and study of both God's Word and the realities of the choices on the ballot. Messiah's Men's Ministry continue their reading of Max Lucado's devotional, "God is with you everyday" plus group sharing as to what spoke to us in our daily readings. Be encouraged to be in God's Word daily! (2 Timothy 3:16-17)



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. More to come on serving our church and community as they are being identified.

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

We welcome all men to come and join us.

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



MINISTRY



social media

@MYM_PLANO

Engage, Equip, Enjoy, and Share!

“Our purpose is to ENGAGE our community’s youth in a relationship with God, EQUIP them to grow in their faith, and to ENJOY and SHARE God’s love.”

The Lutheran World Relief truck loading is scheduled for November 9th, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. Help our LWML load the truck! Earn service hours. They will feed you lunch, but sign up so they know how much food they need to bring. Sign up with the QR code.



MONTHLY PLANNER

Sundays—Sunday School, 9:40 AM Start in the Youth Room.

Wednesdays—JAM –6-7:30, MESH 7:00—8:30 PM

November 3—Youth Leadership Team, 5-7 PM

November 9th—LWML Truck Loading, 9 –3 PM

November 10th—MYM Thanksgiving, 5-7 PM

November 17th—Gathering Meeting, 5-7 PM

November 24th—JAM on Sunday, 5-7 PM

November 10th—Family Event
5:00—7:00 PM.

Please join us as we give Thanks for our youth families as we share a meal to give thanks! Turkey and stuffing will be provided.



Sign up with this QR code to bring a dish to share. Please sign up by November 6th so we can make sure we have enough.



Thank you to everyone who helped to support the Pumpkin Patch, from the groups who helped unload to those who bought pumpkins...Thank You!



We are going to Six Flags, December 31st. This is a family event! Register and pay with the QR code. If you have a season pass, please register too so we know how many vehicles are needed. Cost is \$25, deadline to register is November 17th.

Contact Jodi Sorenson for information on youth events.
YouthMin@messiahlutheran.com 214-649-4720 mobile

YOUNG ADULTS College and Career



Seat At the Table aka SAtT—November 19th, noon at Blue Goose, 4757 W Park Blvd #05, Plano, TX 75093
Reach out to Ginny Wilson 214-728-4901 or Joseph Schinnerer 682-667-8806 to be added to the group text. Don't miss out!

@MLC_YOUNGADULTS



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Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's might hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7



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THANK YOU to all who came out to serve at the Fall Festival. From all the helping hands to cut and stuff 400 prize bags, setup of nearly 200 chairs, 35 tables, 7 canopies, booths, trunks, Bounce Houses, all the baked yummys and gobs of candy and prizes as well as the clean-up after! THANK YOU for making this a WHOLE Congregation Outreach Event!



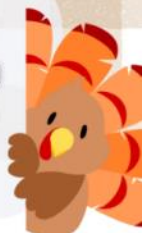
Don't forget to check out the photos from FalFest! You can find all of them here!

<https://tinyurl.com/2024MLCFallFest>

Happy Month of Thanksgiving! We have ALOT going in in KidMin! Ask your kiddos if they can recite this month's memory verse! (see above!) It is introduced during Opening and then reinforced through the lessons each Sunday in November. 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://mlcplanofamilyministries.my.canva.site/minute>



Did you SEE it? Out in the Narthex, we 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 4th, 11th & 18th @6pm

This year's Advent theme is The Names of Jesus, a series in which families with young children will learn over the 3 weeks of Advent the different names of Christ from Isaiah 9:6-7; 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12; and Luke 1 and 2! The first two services will take place in the sanctuary and we are currently coordinating with our friends at Evergreen Senior Community Center to have our final service with caroling there. Before each service, there will be a family fellowship meal in the Downstairs MP/Tile Room beginning at 5pm. Please make sure that you RSVP on Realm for the services and Sign up to Host a meal!

DECEMBER 2024

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- 12/4 - FIRST Family Advent Dinner + Service
- 12/7 - Little Bit of Christmas PRACTICE
- 12/8 - Little Bit of Christmas Program @9:45AM
- 12/11 - 2nd Family Advent Dinner + Service
- 12/15 - Elementary-Age Christmas Program @9:45AM
- 12/18 - FINAL Family Advent Dinner + Service
- 12/24 - CHRISTMAS EVE!
- 12/25 - CHRISTMAS DAY! HBD Jesus!



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

<https://mlcplanofamilyministries.my.canva.site>



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

Our Fall Service Project Is Here...

Thanksgiving/Fall Harvest Boxes and Caring for Our Neighbors!

Any questions you can reach me at 972-948-8966 or dawnmj@fastmail.net. 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS CLIENTS OF PLANO COMMUNITY HOMES

PICK UP A BOX & RETURN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH (No Later Than Wednesday, November 13th!)

* Boxes will be delivered Saturday, Nov. 16th and Sunday Nov. 17th

Labeled and numbered boxes with enclosed shopping list will be available at the Social Ministries & Outreach table located across from the gift shop. 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.**



Good Samaritans of Garland
Feeding · Helping · Serving

Drop Off Bags Sunday, November 10th

No Later Than Wednesday, November 13th !

In addition to our Thanksgiving 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 with their Thanksgiving for Families Project.

Drop off your bags of (flour, sugar, oil w/ \$25 grocery gift card) at the Social Ministries & Outreach table located across from the gift shop. This too is also a great service project to encourage young children to be involved and help shop for the grocery items! All Gift Cards can be placed in the Good Sam Collection container.

Thanksgiving for Families Project Bags:

- *Oil
- *Flour
- *Sugar
- *\$25 Gift Card

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

Almost time to put on your Santa hat, enjoy a candy cane along with the sights and sounds of Christmas while we shop for families in need. Look for details in the next worship bulletin in upcoming worship bulletins



ON GOING PROJECTS



We are STILL COLLECTING for THE NETWORK OF COMMUNITY MINISTRIES. Donations can be still dropped off in the grocery baskets in the designated collection area next to the Family room in the chapel building. Questions about any of our collection projects you can contact me at dawnmj@fastmail.net or 972-948-8966. Details regarding our ongoing collections can be found at <http://www.messiahlutheran.com/ministries/adult/social-ministries-outreach/>

Thanksgiving Beatitudes

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you've made a difference.

-Author unknown



Thanksgiving Service

We invite you to attend this special service on
the eve of Thanksgiving.

Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 PM

Sanctuary

Notes from the Music Ministry



Giving Thanks for....

***Musicians 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 in worship.

Each member of a choir or ensemble serves a vital role in the great heritage of the Christian Church. From the time of Hebrew worship and throughout the Church's history, choirs have been one of the important factors in group worship. The main purpose of these groups is not mere entertainment or the display of individual talent. Rather, it is a blending of many talents and personalities for providing inspiration, warmth and unity to a service. Many spiritual truths are more effectively presented by music than in any other way. To be blessed by God with these talents is indeed both a privilege and responsibility, as we use these gifts to His glory and praise.

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To all those who have made the commitment to use their talents in worship-Children's Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary Orchestra, Praise Teams, Joyful Ringers and soloists, with the strong support of the Production Team, thank you for the enrichment God brings to our worship through you.

***Saints in Glory-November 3rd-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 10th- 25th 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 poignant power-point presentations. Come and share in this celebration of sacrifice and service. Invite all veterans that you know, so that we can honor and thank them for their service to our nation. The Patriotic Ensemble will offer special anthems.



***Blessings**

November 17th-26th Sunday after Pentecost-Loyalty Sunday

November 27th-(Wednesday at 7pm) We give thanks to our Lord for all the blessings of this year.

***Another year of faith and life in our Lord**

November 24th-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.

Looking ahead to Advent

- **December 1st**-First Sunday of Advent
- **December 8th**-Second Sunday of Advent-Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present the cantata "**A Journey to Joy**" as part of the 11:00am worship service. "**A Little Bit of Christmas**" (2-5 year olds) will be performed at 9:45 am.
- **December 15th**-Third Sunday of Advent-Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present "**A Journey to Joy**" as part of the 8:30am worship service. **Joyful Ringers** will present Christmas carols during the preservice time, from the upper Narthex area. The **Sunday School Christmas program (Grades 1-4)** will be presented during the Sunday School/Bible Class hour.
- Communion will be offered every Sunday during Advent.
- Every Wednesday in Advent there is a family service at 6pm, and a traditional service at 7pm, in the Sanctuary.

In Our Music, God is Glorified!



IMPROVE BALANCE & STRENGTH

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

Led by member Rob Lovgren
Contact: rlovg@verizon.net
in Education Building Room E216S

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

Tai Chi is a preventative exercise for people of all ages.



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

News from Messiah Lambs

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

How could we already be in November? The fall months speed past us with all the projects and events we have going on at school and in our classrooms. By the time you are reading this article, our basket auction will be closed, our school pictures will have been taken, we've visited the construction site of our Life Center, and the Plano Fire Department came for their annual visit. November will be filled with Butter Braid sales, hearing, vision, and speech testing, Thanksgiving celebrations, and learning songs for our Christmas program.

Thank you to everyone who donated and/or purchased baskets from our annual Basket Auction. We appreciate your support of our school. Stay tuned for the amount we raised in next month's Messenger article.



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Our preschool and kindergarten students thanked our veterans by coloring pictures to send with the LWML veteran cards. Our two-year-old classes will also decorate cards for the Thanksgiving boxes donated by Messiah.

Messiah Lambs will be selling Butter Braids again from November 6-20 this year. If you would like to order some of these delicious treats for your family, please visit this link:

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/07b46e64-31af-45dd-8c47-caae1d8d8f8f>

Or use this QR code:



All orders will be delivered to Messiah before Christmas, so you can share them during the holidays.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 6-20: Butter Braid Sales

Nov. 13-14: Hearing/Vision/Speech Screening

Nov. 25-29: No School Thanksgiving Break

Early Enrollment is Now OPEN @ Prince of Peace Christian School – Messiah Campus

Do you desire strong foundational academics in a faith-based environment where your child is celebrated and encouraged to thrive? Come discover all that POPCS on Messiah Lutheran's campus has to offer. Tours and admissions information are now available. Please use this link to schedule: <https://calendly.com/drkaratobaben/popcs-east-tour>.

Early applications opened October 15th and are now being accepted. Variable tuition (scholarship) applications open November 1st. Join the Christian community that feels like family where every student is Welcomed, Known, Connected, and Prepared.

Dr. Kara Tobaben – Principal

PRINCE of PEACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EAST

Want to learn more about K – Grade 1 opening on Messiah's campus?



<https://www.facebook.com/popcseast>



https://www.instagram.com/popcs_east



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SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Scan here to share your information with us:



TRITON COMFORT D G MINISTRY



In 2018, Triton came to Messiah to serve in our Comfort Dog Ministry. At that time, Mary Jo Cuny and Kathy Mardis were trained as Handlers to serve with Triton making visits to those who are in need or suffering. Both of these ladies have been very faithful in serving the Lord, however He now has other plans for them. Due to their relocating, Kathy stepped down in August to focus on her retirement in 2025 and Mary Jo will be leaving us in November. We want to thank them both for their faithful service to the Comfort Dog Ministry.

We pray you will find in your new home, the warmth of community, the joy of new opportunities, new discoveries and new friends. May all whom you encounter treat you with kindness, love, compassion, and may your path be an easy one – one that bring you contentment and blessings.

Triton & Team



Testimony from Mary Jo Cuny

I was very impressed when our Bible class was visited by Phoebe Comfort Dog and her handler from St. Paul, Fort Worth, to gauge interest in starting a Comfort Dog Ministry at Messiah. I wanted to be involved in any way I was needed; however, I never thought I would be asked to consider being a handler. Me? I don't even own a dog and I don't know the first thing about handling one or understanding what they need. Yet I felt strongly led to give it a try. The rigorous training we received initially and the ongoing training has made me a confident handler. I especially enjoy taking Triton to visit the elderly in assisted living and memory care facilities who have had to leave their homes and their pets behind. Triton senses their loneliness and does a wonderful job putting smiles on faces by his calm approach and willingness to be touched, petted and hugged. It really does bring so much comfort. I will soon be moving to Colorado and I will very fondly remember being a part of the Triton Comfort Dog Team. I don't even want to think about leaving Triton. I so love and respect him and he loves and respects me. Together we have touched hearts and ministered to people in need of a little love and compassion. It has been a highlight of my life. **Mary Jo Cuny**



Testimony from Kathy Mardis

This ministry has been one of the most fulfilling in my life as a child of God! I never imagined that a Golden retriever could give me the inspiration to reach out to those in the community that I might not have ever thought about ministering to on my own. There are so many experiences and memories, but what meant the most to me was the opportunity to visit with young people at the Phoenix House Rehab for teens and The Center for Discovery Food Addiction facility. Without Triton, I would not have been as welcome in either places but as usual, that sweet fluffy "acolyte" got us in the door. If I just walked in alone and tried to tell them how much Jesus loved them and wanted to comfort them, I'm certain they would have been uninterested, but very few people can resist a sweet dog like Triton. The young people at both places were clearly hurting and struggling with issues, but you would never know it because they just lit up when they got to see Triton. Each visit was unique with different patients and different moods, but one thing I tried to do each time was ask if I could pray with them before we left. It was always the simplest prayer, but letting them know God loved them and so did we. Several of the young people I had the pleasure of meeting took his card with his social media information and sometimes a sticker of his cute face, and my prayer is that they will look at that and it will serve as a reminder that someone reached out to them in their time of need in the name of Jesus. **Kathy Mardis**



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Switzer	11/1
Matt Spieler	11/1
Quinn Smith	11/1
Robert Babbitt	11/1
Katherine Marquett	11/1
Gilly Chrisman	11/2
Karla Thompson	11/2
Laura Johnson	11/2
Jessica Peters	11/2
Vivian Nischal	11/2
Cyndie Bunker	11/3
Whitney Thompson	11/3
Sammy Logue	11/3
Brian Montgomery	11/3
Ladd Rowan	11/4
Joe Moseley	11/4
Lesley Lamb	11/4
Taylor Brinkman	11/4
Andy Maisch	11/4
Adam Sheehy	11/4
Rick Helfers	11/5
Kimberly Romero	11/5
Dylan Kovach	11/5
Judy Davis	11/5
Jeff Sorenson	11/5
Robert Wondoloski	11/5
Marv Bjorkman	11/5
Garrett Shipp	11/5
Knox Huechteman	11/5
Marissa Williams	11/5
Larry Trimpe	11/6
Luke Weber	11/6
Matt Helfers	11/6
Mark Ohlmeier	11/6
Willie Williams	11/6
Rick Fulwiler	11/6
Andy Paul	11/6
Lisa Waldo	11/6
Callum Sheehy	11/6
Michelle Futs	11/7
Tyler Moncrief	11/7
Kyle Thompson	11/7
Michael Tinnin	11/7
Kathy Visalga	11/7
Barbara Mortonson	11/7
Rick McIntyre	11/7
Robyn Vines	11/7
Idolina Shumway	11/8
David Semans	11/8

Mason Moncrief	11/8
Cindy Gragert	11/8
Brian Naber	11/8
Alyssa Rozdilsky	11/8
Robert Lindsey	11/8
Kristin Karnbach	11/8
Bill Greenwald	11/8
Kyle Stuart	11/8
Katie Schroeter	11/8
Les Pritchett	11/9
Marge Grogg	11/9
Mark Moncrief	11/9
Hallie Vogler	11/10
Brianna Peters	11/10
Kyle Shipp	11/10
Chelsea Winkler	11/10
Nancy Smith	11/10
Daniel Peterson	11/10
Monica Plenger	11/10
Pat Reynolds	11/10
Polly Church	11/11
Dave Rohde	11/11
Wendy Mattingly	11/11
Jackson Tyler	11/11
Marla Lehmann	11/11
Phillip Kasper	11/11
Avery Rozdilsky	11/11
Cassie Evans	11/11
Jay Thode	11/11
Betty Lorenz	11/11
Katy Moyer	11/11
Denise Jeffery	11/11
Keri Gonzales	11/12
Heather Johannsen	11/12
Bob Orr	11/12
Lillian Chappelle	11/12
Lauri Aviles	11/13
Ron Fazio	11/13
Chuck Tolsma	11/13
Judi Braddick	11/14
Felix Segovia	11/14
Gladys Hays	11/14
Ken Oltmann	11/14
Garrett George	11/14
Cortney Fulwiler	11/14
Chris Holben	11/14
Jack Ohlmeier	11/14
Dorothy Friedlander	11/15
Lowell Handschke	11/15
JD Poeck	11/15
Addyson Smith	11/15
Kim Burwinkel	11/15
Ben Cole	11/15

Steve Luecke	11/16
Kimberly Cassady	11/16
Robert Peters	11/16
Steve Sokolyk	11/16
Laura Janiszewski	11/16
Jennifer Smitherman	11/16
Seppi Whaley	11/16
Shawn Edwards	11/16
Amy M. Plenger	11/17
Kristy Haferman	11/17
Andrew Johnson	11/17
Shelia Haferkamp	11/17
Ron Keay	11/17
Sebastian Aviles	11/17
Kevin McCoy	11/17
Joan Nilmeier	11/18
Cynthia Vannoy	11/18
Kent Brown	11/18
Margie Stone	11/18
Kathy O'Brien	11/18
Kevin Houchin	11/18
Carla Detrie	11/18
Blair Brooker	11/18
Jaime Theiss	11/18
Inger Johnson	11/19
Dennis Schmidt	11/19
Karrie Looney	11/19
Carol McCracken	11/19
Lydia Johnson	11/19
Alejandro Narvaez	11/19
McKinley Naber	11/19
Greg Molina	11/19
Kenna Paul	11/19
Mackenzie Murphy	11/19
Hannah Hamit	11/19
Ashley Buchwald	11/19
Timothy Himes	11/19
Andrew Sorenson	11/19
Kailyn Cassidy (Whaley)	11/19
Faith Lane	11/20
Anna Brownlee	11/20
Dennis Hooper	11/20
Richard Edwards	11/20
Kathy Boneau	11/20
Christina Maele	11/20
Katie Pace	11/20
Blake Vogler	11/21
Kathy Edwards	11/21
Tommy Albanese	11/21
Romeo Reyes	11/21
Steve Shipley	11/21
Vern Sorenson	11/21
Gary Schutzta	11/22

Jon Tabor	11/22
Joshua Belisle Gonzalez	11/22
Colleen Seals	11/22
Lindsey Smith	11/22
Jamie Whitney	11/22
Will Schweinsberg	11/22
Kaitlin Pena	11/22
Agnes Watson	11/22
Eric Trimpe	11/23
Ruby Moeller	11/23
Will Hooper	11/23
Tarabeth Gertsch	11/23
Jordan Davis (Fucilla)	11/23
Joan Pritchett	11/23
Matt McIntyre	11/23
Susan Shehan	11/24
Sandra Fey	11/24
Carol Ann Krumm	11/25
Tricia Raymund	11/25
Denise Kasper	11/25
Lisa Spieler	11/25
Kathy Mardis	11/25
Tom Zagaruyka	11/25
Jodi Sorenson	11/25
Paul Herigon	11/25
Joey Seaton	11/25
Deanna Hauffer	11/26
Wayne Cooper	11/26
Mel Johnson	11/26
Kim Osborn	11/27
Paul Hoffmann	11/27
Mary Walling	11/27
Gwen Corley	11/27
Everett Turvey	11/28
Mary Hooper	11/28
Lori Trussell	11/28
Anthony Thomson	11/28
Ross Shamshiri	11/28
Katherine Godwin	11/29
Darwin Easley	11/29
Lincoln Arras	11/29
Lana Chinta	11/29
Tessa Reynolds	11/29
Alex Findley	11/29
John Findley	11/29
Julie Amundson	11/30
Lily McCracken	11/30
Jeff Gutknecht	11/30
Lottie Randle	11/30
John Collins	11/30
Larry Sather	11/30
Emmerson Morton	11/30



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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
Ron & Danielle Sizemore	11/8/2003
Jim & Carol Puckett	11/8/1978
Reggie & Greer Bailey	11/9/2019
Bob & Sylvia Lehman	11/10/1957

Corey & Krystal Nesbit	11/10/2018	David & Margaret Lamb	11/17/1968
Peter & Brittaney Porsche	11/11/2011	Joshua & Autumn Glass	11/18/2000
Jeff & Sharon Hutchison	11/11/1978	Chuck & Gladys Hays	11/19/2011
Keith & Ruth Blom	11/12/1971	Jack & Vicki Harkrider	11/19/1965
Shane & Kristin Karnbach	11/12/2011	Blake & Sara Vogler	11/22/1997
Angel & Pat Ibarra	11/12/1977	John & Bonna Devine	11/22/1980
Andrew & Courtney Huechteman	11/12/2016	Darien & Sarah Sides	11/22/2003
Kimble & Pat Bewley	11/12/2016	Keith & Carla Detrie	11/22/1975
Chris & Jennie Stanfield	11/12/2016	Daniel & Jill Marek	11/22/2014
Mark & Christi Tompkins	11/13/1993	Ed & Dorothy Sherrod	11/23/1980
Josh & Brooke Willard	11/13/1999	Gary & Peggy Schutzta	11/23/1993
Ross and Brittane Shamschiri	11/13/2021	Robert & Libby Pletl	11/25/2009
Karl & Pam Worthen	11/14/1998	Curtis & Irma Natvig	11/25/1964
Bruce & Marcia Quinnell	11/14/1987	Jimmy & Heidi Holben	11/26/2022
Ron & Karla Thompson	11/15/1969	Scott & Denise Jeffery	11/26/1997
Steven & Christina Knoernschild	11/15/1997	Steve Shipley & Vicki Shipley (Knipp)	11/27/2003
Kevin & Wendy Mattingly	11/16/2013	Ted & Linda Pospisil	11/28/1970
Jason & Josie Steele	11/16/2013	Wes & Hedwig Pettinger	11/29/1975
Al & Greta Abtahi	11/17/1990	Randy & Joy Kottwitz	11/30/1988



November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 5:00 PM-MESH	4 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance 5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	5 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	6 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Class 1:00 PM-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:00 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-MESH 7:00 PM-Worship Service	7 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 11:15 AM-Tai Chi Class	8	9 8:00 AM-Elders Meeting 11:00 AM-Marian Collins Memorial Service
10 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 2:00 PM-Grief Sharing 3:00 PM-JOYFUL Bible Study	11 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance 5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing 6:15 PM-JULIETS 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	12 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	13 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Class 6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:00 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-MESH 7:00 PM-Worship Service	14 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 11:15 AM-Tai Chi Class 6:30 PM-Kingdom Krafters 7:00 PM-Church Council	15	16
17 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 5:00 PM-Youth Meeting 5:00 PM-MYM	18 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance 5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing 6:00 PM-Kindgom Women Book Club 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	19 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 11:15 AM-Tai Chi Class 5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	20 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Class 6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:00 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-MESH 7:00 PM-Worship Service	21 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 11:15 AM-Tai Chi Class	22	23
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**Weekly Worship Opportunities:
Sunday-8:30 & 11:00 AM / Sunday School-9:45 AM
Wednesday, 7 PM**

November Worship Opportunities

- 3- Worship Celebration-All Saints Day
- 6- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 10- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-Veteran's Day Observance
- 13- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 17- Worship Celebration-Loyalty Sunday
- 20- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 24- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-Christ the King Sunday
- 27- Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve Service-Holy Communion-7:00 PM

