

**JANUARY 2024 ISSUE**

# **The Messiah Messenger**

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH**





# *A Note from Pastor's Desk*

## THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

### **That's what it's all a-bout (a-boot?)**

*Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples...But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. Jn 20:30a&31*

Congratulations, you made it. That is, if you're reading this after January 6th Epiphany (Three Kings' Day). We get so involved in all the things at the end of the year. We put our right hand in, our left foot in, we turn it all about. We go to church extra, take an angel off the tree, pray for those in need, decorate the house, make travel plans (change travel plans), do the dance and sing the songs.

Those Hokey-Pokey Holidays really get us shaking and moving all around. I miss those days when songs told you what to do, these days dancing has gotten so much less instructive... We know the things God calls us to do. Each of us tries in our own way, putting our whole body in and our whole body out at times. Yet we are reminded of the *purpose* that all these things are to lead us to Jesus and keep us in Christ's embrace! We are called to run around and dance and give not for the sake of our own self conscience.

We begin again in this New Year. It's my annual calling that we resolve through resolution to grow, care, and enrich our *Spiritual* Wellbeing, as we keep dancing through each day's tasks. That Spiritual Care undergirds all of our goals and drives our ability to live, love, serve, succeed...lose weight, payoff bills, be kinder and love deeper.

# We'd Love to hear from you

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Any Questions about any Events can be directed to Kim

At (716)754-4944

# Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship Service: 8:15am and 10am  
9am Sunday School

## Deacon Schedule

Date	Deacon	Communion Deacon
January 7	Judy Condino	Sally Schoonmaker
January 14	Robin Stevens	
January 21	Kathy Harold	Cathy Bennion
January 28	Alice Attardo	

The Lector for the Month of January is TBD.

Altar Guild for the Month of January is TBD.



Sign up sheets available in the Narthex for  
Ushers/Greeters, Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors &  
Prayer List

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

January

01-06 Sherri Myer  
01-09 Gabrielle Borget  
01-11 Alice Attardo  
01-14 Reilly McGill  
01-20 Mike Duckett  
01-20 Jack Ingwersen  
01-27 Doris Hampton  
01-30 Devin Borget  
01-31 Lynn Gierach

02-07 Joshua Adamson  
02-14 Lynnor Printup  
02-16 Robin Stevens  
02-17 Jeff Schurr  
02-19 Lisa Condino  
02-20 Amelia McGill  
02-21 Joan Spira  
02-23 Gretchen Waggoner  
02-25 Jeff Wayland  
02-26 Lucas McCall  
02-27 Evelyn Shear  
02-28 Cora Rauch



February

02-04-78 Mike and Judy Heath

# Dates to Know

January 1st	Office closed for New Years Day
January 7th	9am Acolyte Training with Bill
January 8th	10am (W)hole Hearted
January 15th	Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21st	Council Meeting after 2nd service
January 22nd	10am (W)hole Hearted
January 26th	6:30pm Monthly Game Night
February 4th	Reports for Annual Report due to office
February 18th	Annual Report Meeting

Any questions about a date or event please call the Office (716)754-4944

Weekly on Wednesday will be our Bible study at 1pm

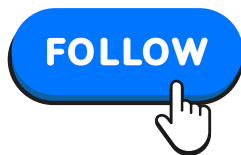
Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month will be our (w)hole Hearted group

# Church News

## **LIVE** STREAM

Unable to physically make it to service. Please make sure to check out our Facebook page and website for a live stream of the 10am service.

If you like the video it gives us a better idea of how many people we are reaching.



## Sign Up Sheets

Sign up sheets for the year are now up in the Narthex.

## Annual Report

Happy New Year everyone. This year we will be having the Annual Report Meeting on Sunday, February 18th right after the 2nd Service.

All church members are welcome to sit in on this meeting. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

The office is asking that all groups submit their reports by email in either word or google docs to the [Office@messiahlewiston.org](mailto:Office@messiahlewiston.org) by February 4th.

## Newsletter

If you wish to receive the newsletter by email please email the office and let us know.

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# Soul Fire

Youth Ministry of Messiah

The next Confirmation class will be January 14th

Please bring your binder and books

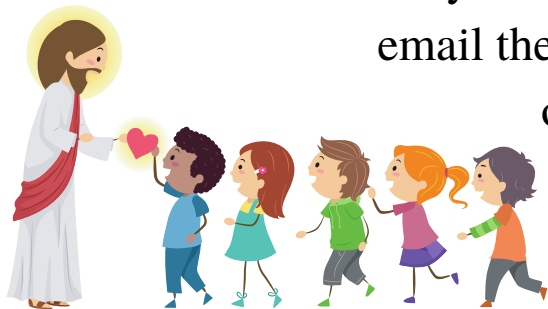
Weekly during the Sunday School hour is a study session

Acolyte Training Session with Bill Bennion on January 7th @ 9am in the Sanctuary

Date	Acolyte	Acolyte
January 7, 2024	Noah Balcom	William Borget
January 14, 2024		
January 21, 2024		
January 28, 2024		

As a friendly reminder we are still in need of Acolytes. Please email the office with the dates your available.

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C O N F I R M A T I O N

## This Months Lessons

### Israel Becomes a Nation

#### King David

1 Samuel 16-17; 18:10-16; 2 Samuel 2:1-7;  
5:1-10; 7:1-17; Isaiah 9:6-7

#### A Split Kingdom

1 Kings 11-12; 2 Chronicles 33; Amos 6:1-7

#### Exile and Return

Ezekiel 5:5-8; 36:22-32; Zechariah 1:1-6

# This Months Readings from The Story

Date	Chapter Number	Chapter
01/07/24	Chapter 15	God's Messengers
01/14/24	Chapter 16	The Beginning of the End
01/21/24	Chapter 17	The Kingdoms' Fall
01/28/204	Chapter 18	Daniel in Exile



THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

# **Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

Evelyn Shear

Al Sandstrom

Gretchen Morgan

Jared Lombardi

Adela Gunkelman

Beth MacSwan

Jon MacSwan

Michael Coffey

Steven Heinz

Daniel Wade

Brian Ziemendorf

Arlene Sliz

Frederick Schmidt

Ted Sadler

Mary Beth Brault

Marisa Balcom

Brian Besaw

Christi Lynch

Daniel Acome

Those who are caregivers or those suffering from  
Alzheimer's disease.



# Those who serve our country:

**Jim Bane**

**SSgt. Andrew Baxter**

**Captain David Broderick**

**SSgt. Justin DeVantier**

**MSgt. Bill Ingwersen**

**2nd Lt. Mitchell Sembert**

**Specialist Anthony Tamul**

**Sgt. Hannah Mergi**

**Sgt. Tyler Colby**

