



Our Mission Statement

Saved by the redeeming grace of God, we proclaim Christ crucified through worship, service and love of neighbor

Our Vision Statement

We have been saved by the grace of God, redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and moved by the Holy Spirit to respond to God's love. We will proclaim to all God's saving Gospel of Christ crucified. We will worship God through Word and Sacrament, serve all in need in our communities and nurture fellow members in Christ.

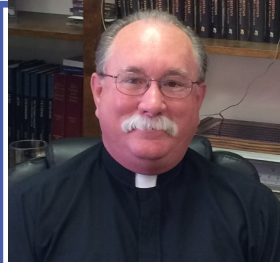
Our Guiding Principles

Everything we do should incorporate at least three of the following Guiding Principles in support of the Mission and Vision of this Church:

- Pray
- Study
- Worship
- Invite
- Encourage
- Serve
- Give

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Pastor Randy Jones

To all the Saints at Messiah:

This past couple of months we had a five week stretch of Gospel lessons from the Gospel according to St. John that dwelt upon the bread of life discourse by Jesus. That sort of stretch for those of us who have to prepare a sermon every week can be difficult to say the least, but we got through it. Thankfully, we also have two other readings as well as a psalm from which to

choose.

In the bread of life discourse, Jesus makes that famous statement "unless you eat of my flesh and drink of my blood you have no life in you." That statement is about as in your face as you can get. Jesus leaves us with no wiggle room here, he expects us to partake of him. Of course we all know that we do that in Holy Communion.

There is a plethora of things going on in the Eucharist; as Lutherans we first think of the forgiveness of sins. However, the most important thing that is going on in the Eucharist, besides the true physical presence of our Lord, is the life that is given to us in that moment. We literally receive the eternal life of Jesus.

While it is true that we receive the gift of eternal life in our baptism, it is also true that we need to have that gift renewed as often as possible. There are 168 hours in a week and we spend in excess of 165 of those hours in the world being assaulted by ideas and societal expectations that erode our commitment to our Lord. So for one hour a week we come together to both hear and taste the goodness of our Lord.

In worship we hear of the depths of our Lord's love for us. We have our sins forgiven. And finally, we are fed by our Lord and have that eternal life renewed within us as we partake of our Lord's body and blood. In that moment death is put to death one more time as we are again given our resurrected Lord to be a part of us.

We need this hour of renewal every week simply because we are human. Jesus knew this when he gave us his Holy Meal. He knew that we would need not only to hear of his love for us, but that we would need something more tangible. So, he gives us his body and blood to touch, taste, smell, and see.

We are truly blessed as followers of Jesus. His love for us is eternal.

Shalom
Pr. Randy



Jeff Davis Food Basket Support

As a part of Messiah Lutheran Mission plan, the support of food baskets delivered to the residents of the Jeff Davis apartments occurs four times a year. The Jeff Davis food basket program has had generous contributions made in the past and purchase for the September 25th distribution requires medium fund-raising activity. We need to raise \$500.00 to supplement the \$450.00 on hand from the last fundraiser. I anticipate spending approximately \$900.00 to purchase approximately 3200 pounds of food for approximately 84 residents. The fundraiser will run from September 2 to September 24.

The Jeff Davis Apartments have been renovated and are at capacity of 100 living quarters. With increased residents it is estimated that approximately 84 individuals and families would participate in this distribution. The total \$900.00 will purchase 3200 lbs. of food. That equates to 40 lbs. of food for each resident with a retail value of approximately \$5,000.00. The Messiah service team will purchase food from the Montgomery Area Food Bank. Please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran for Jeff Davis Food Baskets, and your tax-deductible contribution will be identified on your annual giving statement.

The distribution of the food will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Your volunteer support to distribute the food will be appreciated.

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Don't Forget the "Other Stuff"

Various groups/individuals at Messiah collect the following items that benefit the local community. Drop-off stations for these items are located by the church office.

- Magazines - taken to area hospitals (please make sure all addresses are removed)
- Catalogs - also taken to area hospitals (please make sure all addresses are removed)
- Soup labels - taken to Morningview Elementary School
- Greeting card fronts
- Old and new calendars - taken to Morningview Elementary School
- Box Tops for Education - collected by Jeannie Graetz for E.D. Nixon Elementary School
- Soda pop tabs—donated to the Ronald McDonald House charities
- Old and unused reading and prescription glasses—donated to the Lions Club.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS RESUME

September 12th

- 5:30 pm RSVP Dinner
- 6:15 pm Worship with Eucharist
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm Catechism

Messiah Lutheran Worship & Contact Information

SUNDAYS

Worship - 8:00 & 10:45 am
Sunday School

Adults - 9:15 am
Children - 9:15 am

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Meal - 5:30 pm
Worship - 6:15 pm

Office Hours:

Pastor:
Pastor's Email:
Office Staff:
Office Email:
Website:

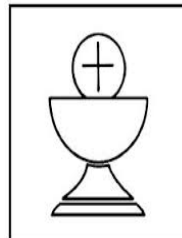
Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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**EUCHARIST EVERY
SUNDAY
&
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
						1 9:00 am Yarnovers 1:00 pm Girl Scouts	
2 September Birthdays Celebration 9:00 am Worship 8:00 & 10:45 am	3 Church Office Closed for Labor Day 6:30 pm Pinks & Pearls	4 9:00 am Quilters 11:30 am Loose Ladies Lunch at Sinclairs	5 7:00 pm Choir Practice	6 9:30 am Marys & Marthas	7	8 9:00 am Art Club	
9 8:00 & 10:45 am Worship	10	11 9:00 am Quilters	12 Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Catechism Hosted by SOMM & Choir	13	14 6:00 pm Pinks & Pearls	15 9:00 am Yarnovers 1:00 pm Girl Scouts	
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23 8:00 & 10:45 am Worship	24	25 9:00 am Quilters 3:00 pm Jeff Davis Food Distribution Messiah Messenger Submission Deadline	26 Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Catechism Hosted by Council	27	28 9:00 am Art Club Drop-In	29 9:00 am Yarnovers	
30 Youth Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School Single 10:00 am Worship		3 Judith McCune 10 Haley Petrey 15 Faye Bozeman 20 Abbie Strickland	September Birthdays 23 Linda Henderson 24 Jane Stambaugh				

