



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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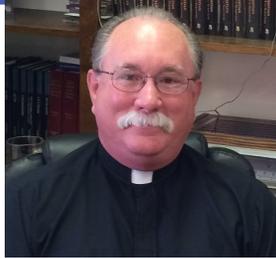
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Pastor Randy Jones

To all the Saints at Messiah:

So, I've been trying to finish a crib for my grandson for the last couple of months. I've finished the woodworking and have been waiting on a hardware kit so I can assemble it. The hardware kit never came. After repeated attempts to contact the company I reported it to my credit card company who was nice enough to give me my money back. Then I got online and found the hardware I needed (in China and Thailand) and ordered it. It took another month to arrive and now I have to build the bed frame that was supposed to come with the hardware kit. The best laid plans of mice and men . . .

I bought the plans for the cradle last November. I should have ordered the hardware kit when I got the plans for the crib, but for whatever reason I waited until my birthday in May to order it. Why did I do that? For the life of me I cannot answer that question. Oh yeah, I got a letter this week from the company telling me they are now out of business and unable to fulfill my order.

I make this confession to you to make a point. Not only can we not always depend on ourselves, but we most certainly can't depend on the world out there. The world is, it seems to me, designed to disappoint and take advantage of us. That means we have to always be on our guard when we are dealing with it.

As Lutherans we know that we aren't always dependable simply because we are sinners. However, we also know that we are at the same time saints; baptized children of God. It is this fact that helps us to live each and every day with hope in our hearts. While we can't depend on the world to always give us what we need, we know that as a saint we have the promise of God's presence with us for always and forever. We can depend upon God to keep God's promise to us; the promise of eternal life through his Son our Lord Jesus the Christ. God is dependable because God always fulfills the promises made to us in our baptism.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist God renews that promise with us as the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus are made present under the forms of bread and wine and given to us. We come to the altar with our hands outstretched to again receive the gift of life promised to us in our baptism. God proves again that God is faithful to the promises made in those grace and life filled waters which washed over us and infused us with the life of our Lord Jesus.

What this means to me is that we need to receive our Lord's body and blood as often as we possibly can. Not only is our Lord's life renewed within us as we partake of this beautiful gift, but we are shown again just how faithful God is to us. We see again through the liturgy of the Eucharist our Lord's passion as we are presented with his broken body and poured out blood. We see the depths to which our Lord will go for us so we can be included in his life. We can depend on Jesus to keep his promise to us.

So no matter what happens to us as we wander around out there in the world,

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never forget that we worship God who is faithful even though we are not. Don't let the world teach you that you can depend on yourself all the time. It will most certainly tell you that it's all on your shoulders and it's up to you. While that may be true for your job etc., it is most certainly not true when it comes to your life. God and God alone gives us life now and the life promised to us in eternity. God's promise makes it possible for us to face each and every day because we know God keeps God's promise.

My sisters and brothers hang in there. Hold fast to your baptism and allow our Lord Jesus to feed you every week in worship. Come to hear, see, and taste the love of God in Christ our Lord and Savior. He is indeed the bread of life.

I pray God's blessings upon you all.

Shalom
Pr. Randy

From the Council President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In June I assumed the role of Council President for the coming year. I take this role with deep humility, the support of a talented Council, and the assurance of the strengths of our caring and supportive congregation. I do not fear this responsibility, but accept it as my duty to our Church and its membership.

Serving on our Council for the last five years has increased my appreciation for Messiah. Our theology has remained steadfast, and our service commitments to the needy have grown -- evidencing the dedication and generosity of our congregation. I have seen a consistent evolution of Council's abilities to deal with problems, particularly financial and organizational, and we have benefited from the momentum of many prior Council leaders and members in areas such as improved financial management, organizational control, and reporting. I believe that Messiah is well-positioned to begin to address some larger, persistent issues such as declining membership, stewardship, and our obligations to carry out Christ's ministry within our congregation and community. Our Council will work diligently on addressing such issues this year.

Dear friends, this may be a challenging strategic and financial year for Messiah, but we are doing God's work, and we are not alone. Although we struggle, we will not fail – for God is with us.

Yours in Christ,

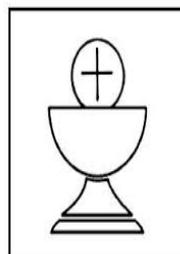
Duane Brookhart



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

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**EUCCHARIST EVERY
SUNDAY
&
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 9:00 am Quilters	3	4 9:00 am Yarnovers
5 August Birthdays Celebration 9:00 am Worship 8:00 & 10:45 am	6 6:00 pm Pinks & Pearls	7 9:00 am Quilters 11:30 am Loose Ladies Lunch at Sommer's Place	8 9:00 am Quilters	9	10 6:00 pm Pinks & Pearls	11 9:00 am Art Club
12 8:00 & 10:45 am Worship	13	14 9:00 am Quilters	15 9:00 am Quilters	16	17	18 9:00 am Yarnovers 1:00 pm Girl Scouts
19 9:15 am Sunday School Rally Day 8:00 & 10:45 am Worship	20	21 9:00 am Quilters 6:30 pm Council Meeting	22 9:00 am Quilters	23	24 9:00 am Art Club Drop-In Messiah Messenger Submission Deadline	25 9:00 am Yarnovers 2:00 pm Baby Shower for Heaven Morton
26 8:00 & 10:45 am Worship	27	28 9:00 am Quilters	29 9:00 am Quilters	30	31	

August Birthdays



1	Chuck Wray	17	James Wirshing	30	Cheryl Harris
5	Duane Brookhart	18	Adam Strickland		
6	Kathryn Willoughby	27	Diane Davis		
11	Champ Street	28	Anneliese Nelson		
16	LuAnn Marz	29	Jeff Glendening		

