



Pastor's Message

Tim McGraw wrote a song a few years ago entitled, "Live Like You Were Dying." In the song these words are sung,

I was in my early forties with a lot of life before me and a moment came that stopped me on a dime. I spent most of the next days looking at the x-rays talkin' 'bout the options and talkin' 'bout sweet time." I asked him "When it sank in that this might really be the real end how's it hit you when you get that kind of news? Man, what'd you do?"

The life of a pastor ebbs and flows with the life of the congregation. Lately it seems that I have spent a lot of time around death, dying, and suffering. In the face of the reality that is coming for all of us, the question immerges,

"How would your life be different if you knew the date of your death?"

Last year I got to think this through when I was sitting with the doctor and as he explained to Janine and I that he thought that I had cancer. Personally I thought that I would take a lot more time off and spend it with my kids. We would go camping, fishing, and we would build a lot of neat things. But thankfully the tumor tuned out to be benign and life has progressed on.

Unlike you and I, Jesus knew the exact date and time of his suffering and death. Jesus says this in the Gospel of Matthew. He says to his disciples, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

Jesus knew what would happen to him in Jerusalem and he went anyway. He knew that the time of his suffering was upon him but yet he went anyway. He knew that the hour of his death was at hand and he went anyway. All so that on the third day though he was killed he would be raised up anyway.

In Jesus suffering and crucifixion St. Paul says in the book of Ephesians, "God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

We may not know the day of our death but we know what happens when we meet that day, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." In Christ we fear not because he has walked the road of Calvary before us rising from the dead to give to us eternal life by his saving sacrifice on our behalf.

The Lords Blessings— - Pastor Mallardi

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Happenings at Messiah...

YOUTH EVENTS:

KANSAS DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING- Nov 22-24

Parents and High School Youth, please contact Keith or DCE Ben ASAP if your High School youth would like to participate in the Kansas District Youth Gathering in Wichita on November 22nd (Friday) to 24th (Sunday). Cost is \$75 for event. Look for more details via email.

JR HIGH RALLY- Sept 27-28

Thanks to Rachel Albin for helping drive/chaperone, and for all the CIA Youth who participated in the Jr High Rally. It was an eventful few days, but it was great mingling with other youth from the district. Plus a few people got shot in the butt with a paintball... lots of fun memories!

CIA COOKIES & COSTUME NIGHT- Oct 27

The CIA youth (6th thru 8th) will meet at church at 5:00pm on Sunday, October 27th. Kids are encouraged to dress up in costume. The theme is "Favorite Animal"... any type of animal or create your own! We will make cookies (monster and sugar cutout cookies) and as the cookies bake, we will eat some snacks and watch a movie. We will wrap up around 8pm. Friends are welcome! Looking for parent chaperones for event.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 15th. There will be one service that day at 9:30am as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! If anyone is interested in helping with program music or practices, please talk to DCE Ben.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

On Sunday, October 13th there is one service at 9:30am and a Quarterly Voter's meeting.

- We are looking for 1-2 people to lead the "Lesson in a Bag" for that week. Please talk to DCE Ben or Rhiannon if you can help.
- Kids will sing at the beginning of the 9:30 service, so please have children in the Courtyard by 9:00am to get drinks, use bathroom, warm up and line up.

If any classroom supplies are needed for Sunday School classrooms, please let Rhiannon know, so she can go shopping!

The Face of God

Take a moment to think about who God is. If asked to describe God... could you do it? Would you describe him as all-knowing, all-powerful, eternal, creator, Father, Son, Holy Spirit- trinity, a burning bush, a glowing cloud, a lamb, a Son of Man, broken, merciful, gracious, forgiving, loving, Savior, JESUS... Take a moment and **read Exodus 34**.

What did Moses encounter when he stood before God? Moses is one of the few to actually speak face to face with God... UNBELIEVABLE! It is hard to imagine what was going through Moses' mind as he spoke with the great... **I AM! (Exodus 3:14)** Sure he spoke with God in the burning bush, in prayer, on the mountain, and in the tent of meeting, but face to face?? Who does that? Would you? What would you say?

If you were to ask a person outside of the church to describe God... what would they say? I challenge you to do that. You may be surprised at what a person who you know would say. I would wager that most would describe God as "they" see him. They make God into who they want him to be. There is a great danger in this, as most haven't taken the time to see how God describes himself. Instead they have created a "false deity" in their mind... an image that is spiritually damaging and misleading. Consider the movie "Talladega nights"... a scene unfolds where they pray to "Jesus" but it is the Jesus they want him to be. God doesn't operate this way... we can't put him in a box.

Many well-meaning Christians have mixed views about who God is. Most have a basic picture of God that they have learned in Sunday school or "heard about" and ideally that they have read in the Bible. God is bigger and more complex than we will probably ever totally comprehend this side of heaven. With that said, as we study God's Word our understanding of God will grow. God IS who HE SAYS HE IS.

When God took on flesh in the person of Jesus... we were given a glimpse of the complex person of God. We have a God that loves us, gives us direction, forgives our sins, and blesses us richly in our daily lives. As our faith deepens, we become reflections of God in a dark world. The Holy Spirit dwelling in us, shines through us, much like Moses' face radiated after being in the presence of God for 40 days. May we spend time with God, so that we can know Him more completely.

Reflecting on God's love thru Christ ~ DCE Ben

A Midweek Minute:

Midweek has been going very well and we are so grateful! We have had **50** K-8th graders plus **20** high schoolers on average – not including the all-star volunteers and leaders! What an awesome team God has put together!



Our theme verse: “Train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come...we have our hope set on the living God.” 1 Timothy 4:7-10

* Just a reminder, Midweek is every Wednesday from 5:15 – 7:30pm for K-8th graders. High schoolers meet from 6:15-8:30pm. This year the K-8th graders are EATING FIRST at 5:15, except the 5th graders! The 5TH graders will be having their “first communion” classes with Pastor Mallardi at 5:15 pm and then eating. **FIRST COMMUNION WILL BE SUNDAY, OCT. 27.**

Be part of the FHSU parade and our God’s Team Float! We will be decorating the float Thursday and Friday evenings, Oct. 10-11 at 6:00 pm at the church and lining up for the parade at 10:45 am on Sat. Oct. 12. Our exact location will be emailed out as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting and donating gently used stuffed animals for parade give-aways!

NEWS FROM EVANGELISM/MAT TEAM

The new date for soup supper/pie auction is Sunday November 10th at 5 p.m.

We hope you will join us then for a soup supper and fun auction. There was a conflict of interest for the one scheduled on October 13 so mark November 10th 5 P.M. on your calendars.

Our new welcome packets have been flying out the door, along with the advertising done at Hays Aquatic Park and Bickle/Schmidt sports complex, Pastor has 17 people in the new member class. These things are paying off. Please, if you see someone and you think they are visiting get a Welcome packet to them. We will be doing the advertising again next summer. Pastor also reported that Rev. Vance and Linda Becker who serve the Lord in Kenya that Rev. Brent Smith spoke to us about on September 8th will be at Messiah on November 6th. More information to follow. Advent night will be December 4th with a turkey dinner served at 5:30 p.m. and information about Dream camp who is our focus for fundraising. Also games for the children and our Advent service at 7:00p.m. Watch for the sign-up sheet for pie’s for the pie auction on November 10th. God’s blessings always.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION by Steve Stults: “Fort Harker: Gateway Post to the Frontier”

There will be a screening and discussion of Steve Stults’ new documentary: “Fort Harker: Gateway Post to the Frontier” on *Sunday, October 13 at 3pm in the Messiah Courtyard.*

This is a documentary of local Kansas history.

Light refreshments will be served.

Thank You,
Steve Stults

For those interested in sending Jane Kohtz and Warren any cards, we now have an address for you to do that... they will continue to be there for a time yet.

Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Jane Kohtz

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Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is just 6 weeks away!!



Below are dates to remember and ways to help. We will also be sending out emails with online links that you can use to sign up to bring items for the Messiah Packing Party or volunteer during Collection Week.

If you would be interested in helping with our Church Wide Packing Party please let me know.

Dates to Remember

Collection Week – November 18th through November 25th

Messiah Lutheran Church Wide Packing Party – Sunday, November 3rd

Shoebox Send Off and Prayer over Boxes and Truck – Monday, November 25th

Ways to Help

Wrap shoeboxes in Christmas wrapping paper prior to November 3rd

Donate Items for Church Packing Party

Pack your own shoeboxes

Talk to others about packing a shoebox

Handout Flyers and Brochures

Attend Dates Above

Sign up to Volunteer During Collection Week

Prayer

Questions Contact:

Stacey Stults, OCC Drop Off Team Leader (785) 650-3293 stacey_stults@yahoo.com

MOPs is underway for the year! Our theme is "To the Full." Our verse is:

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

– John 10:10 (NIV)

Our first meeting of the year was on September 14th and we had 19 moms in attendance with several new faces. We talked about our theme verse and watched a video about shaking off everyone else's rules for motherhood. Our craft was stamping tea towels with fruits and other items or even just painting whatever design we wanted. We had a lot of fun just talking and being together again.

Our Steering Committee met on September 23rd, we went through our calendar of the year and started planning fundraising, something that is essential for keeping member costs down and offering quality programming.

Our next meeting is a fellowship event for the group going to Bethesda Place for their Fall Festival on October 4th, then we have our next official big group meeting on October 12th. That is the same day as FHSU Homecoming Parade, so we welcome everyone to join us and if they would like to leave early they can walk down to the parade and leave their car at church.

If you would like to help with childcare, donate or would consider being our Mentor Mom, please contact Michelle Venteicher at michelle.venteicher@gmail.com or 515-320-4371

We are looking forward to a great year of MOPs!

BUILDING USE POLICIES...

We will be putting a Check Lists up in the Kitchen, in the Courtyard, and the Courtyard Closet, reminding EVERYONE of what needs to be done, when renting, or using the Courtyard and/ or Kitchen Facilities, or any other rooms within our church building.

Beginning October 1, If you would like to use the facilities, you must contact Sandi in the office, she will then send/ or give you a Building Use Policies Form, which will need to be completed by the one who is responsible for the group, organization, or person using our facilities and returned as soon as possible to the Church Office.

This will be for EVERYONE including, but not limited to: all persons requesting the space for private parties, gatherings, functions, and programs, ie; Moms Club, MOPS, OCC, AARP, Bible Studies, LWML, Youth groups, and various other Organizations within or outside of our church.

Please note also—trash is picked up at the church on Monday and Thursday Mornings..

We truly appreciate everyone’s help in keeping our church picked up and cleaned up after your events.

REMINDER – One Service on October 13 – also includes Adult Confirmation and New Members Joining our church.

There will be a Congregational Meeting after service, and then a Pot Luck - SO PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH or SIDE.

NO DESSERTS NEEDED – there will be CAKE for New Members

Please come and join us as we Welcome ALL our NEW MEMBERS

To Messiah Lutheran Church!!

NOBLE MEN OF MESSIAH

Facebook page: [Noble Men of Messiah Facebook Group](#)

Noblemen meet @ 7:45 pm on

Wednesdays in the Upper Room For more information contact Joe Chretien



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<i>Keaton Brown</i>	<i>10-1</i>	<i>Leah Mallardi</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>Tom Hestermann</i>	<i>10-1</i>	<i>Skyla Sanchez</i>	<i>10-15</i>
<i>Donna Maskus</i>	<i>10-1</i>	<i>Barb Leo</i>	<i>10-16</i>
<i>Samantha Albin</i>	<i>10-3</i>	<i>Melissa Irwin</i>	<i>10-17</i>
<i>Nora Park</i>	<i>10-4</i>	<i>Joy Chretien</i>	<i>10-18</i>
<i>Breckin Fabin</i>	<i>10-5</i>	<i>Ian Wick</i>	<i>10-18</i>
<i>Scout Perryman</i>	<i>10-5</i>	<i>Ila Hulett</i>	<i>10-24</i>
<i>Faye Bauer</i>	<i>10-6</i>	<i>Bob Warfel</i>	<i>10-25</i>
<i>Dylan Warner</i>	<i>10-6</i>	<i>Holden Wegele</i>	<i>10-26</i>
<i>Becca Wilkie</i>	<i>10-6</i>	<i>Joan Emme</i>	<i>10-28</i>
<i>Mylissa Molnar</i>	<i>10-10</i>	<i>Miles Day</i>	<i>10-29</i>
<i>Sutton Seib</i>	<i>10-10</i>	<i>Gennie Armbruster</i>	<i>10-31</i>
<i>Christine Albrecht</i>	<i>10-15</i>	<i>Kelsey Beale</i>	<i>10-31</i>
<i>Cory Conley</i>	<i>10-15</i>		

Happy Anniversary!

<i>Mike & Tasha Fabin</i>	<i>10-1</i>
<i>Chris & Rachel Albin</i>	<i>10-6</i>
<i>Cody & Kim Seib</i>	<i>10-13</i>
<i>Josh & Hannah Enslow</i>	<i>10-23</i>
<i>Dustin & Marie Wegele</i>	<i>10-23</i>
<i>James & Teresa Feyerherm</i>	<i>10-24</i>
<i>Doug & Dawn Marlett</i>	<i>10-24</i>
<i>Paul & Tina Simpson</i>	<i>10-31</i>

Many Blessings to all who celebrate this month of October!

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6 Worship Service 8:30 am Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am	7	8 Ladies Bible Study—8:30am Board of Directors Meeting 6:30pm	9 MIDWEEK 5:15—7:30pm Praise Practice 7:30 pm Noblemen 7:45pm	10 Women in Prayer 7:00am NMC-5:30pm CBS- 7:30pm LBS- 8:30pm	11	12 MOPS 9:30-Noon FHSU HOME-COMING PARADE
13 ONE Service 9:30 am w/ <i>Adult Confirmation & New Members</i> CONG MTG Potluck to follow	14	15 Ladies Bible Study—8:30am 6:30 pm Evangelism Meeting	16 MIDWEEK 5:15—7:30pm Praise Practice 7:30 pm Noblemen 7:45pm	17 Women in Prayer 7:00am College Bible Study 7:30pm Ladies Bible Study 8:30pm	18	19
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27 REFORMATION FIRST COMMUNION 8:30AM Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am Cookies & Costumes 5-8-pm CIA	28	29 Ladies Bible Study— to Good Sams @ 10:00am	30	31 Women in Prayer 7:00am College Bible Study 7:30pm Ladies Bible Study 8:30pm		

SERVING IN WORSHIP FOR

OCTOBER 2019

Date	Parish Life	Altar Guild	Ushers	Organist	Acolyte	Greeters
10-6	L: Errol Wuertz A: Denis Knoll A: Tina Simpson L2: Sherry Dryden	Teresa Feyerherm Sandy Miller	Scott Horsfall Steve Stults Wade Park	Curtis Sander	Samantha Albin	Denis & Mia Knoll Swede & Jenny Holmgren
10-13	One Service 9:30am L: Matt Brooks A: Jana Horsfall	Teresa Feyerherm Sandy Miller	Scott Horsfall Steve Stults Wade Park	Sylvia Bixenman Christine Albrecht	Jayne Brooks	Denis & Mia Knoll Swede & Jenny Holmgren
10-20	L: Rachel Albin A: Kathy Reed A: Ila Hulett L2: Curtis Deines	Teresa Feyerherm Sandy Miller	Scott Horsfall Steve Stults Wade Park	Curtis Sander	Jessica Feyerherm	Denis & Mia Knoll Swede & Jenny Holmgren
10-27	L: Mia Knoll A: Gabe Hardman A: Sandi Maier L2: Curtis Deines	Teresa Feyerherm Sandy Miller	Scott Horsfall Steve Stults Wade Park	Sylvia Bixenman	Mylissa Molnar	Denis & Mia Knoll Swede & Jenny Holmgren



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