

Messiah Messenger

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy 75th Birthday, Messiah!

THE REV. DR.
 MARTIN K. ERHARDT
 PASTOR

The *Messenger* is back! Because we are without an office assistant, the November-January edition of the *Messenger* wasn't published, but Cristel Boedecker has kindly volunteered to create this February edition.

THE REV. DR.
 JOHN MARK GOERSS
 PASTOR EMERITUS

We're on the eve of Messiah's 75th year. On March 1, 1947, the Reverend Milton J. Nauss began the work of constituting a Lutheran congregation in Princeton with a nucleus of just one family. After a house-to-house canvass of the community, Rev. Nauss discovered a number of Lutherans and other interested people. The first service of what would become the congregation was held on April 6, 1947, Easter Sunday, in the chapel of the Westminster Choir College. Messiah was formally organized as a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) in 1948, with a membership of 48 people.

JANICE HOFREITER
 ORGANIST AND CHOIR
 DIRECTOR

We will kick off this anniversary year with a sermon by Pastor Emeritus John Mark Goerss, Messiah's longest serving pastor (1983 – 2007), on April 3, 2022. After the service, Pastor Goerss will speak in the fellowship hall about his time as Messiah's pastor. I hope you'll attend! Upcoming anniversary events include an organ concert this fall and a celebratory lunch in the spring of 2023.

We're also planning a number of building improvements this year to launch Messiah into our next 25 years of ministry. These include painting (underway), kitchen renovation, tree planting, and the possible refurbishing or replacement of the basement windows and the sanctuary air conditioners. You can learn more about these projects at a special voters meeting after worship on Sunday, March 27.

I look forward to celebrating this milestone anniversary with you, grateful to God for his faithfulness to us, and to you for your partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Erhardt

CHURCH CALENDAR

February 2022

Thursday, February 3

6:30pm Table Talk

Saturday, February 5

9:00am Men's Forum

Thursday, February 10

7:30pm Community Book Group

Saturday, February 12

10:00am Outdoor Service

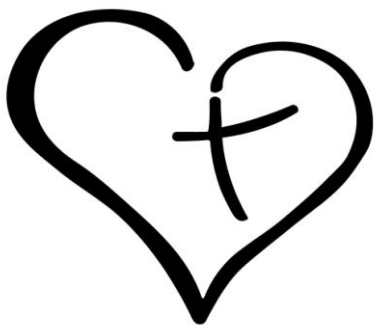
Saturday, February 26

9:00am Men's Forum

Sunday, February 27

3:00pm Reformation Vespers and Lecture
*"Robert Grosseteste (1170-1253):
 Academic, Bishop, and Reformer"*
 by the Rev. Elwood Mather, PhD

St. Peter Lutheran Church
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**Recurring Events in February 2022**

Sundays:

9:00am Christian Education

10:30am Service of Word and Sacrament

Wednesdays:

7:30pm Choir

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, March 1

6:30pm Table Talk

Wednesday, March 2 – **Ash Wednesday**

7:00pm Service of Holy Communion
 with Imposition of Ashes

Wednesdays in Lent (March 9 – April 6)

6:00pm Soup & Salad

7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer

7:45pm Choir

Thursday, March 10

7:30pm Community Book Group

Saturday, March 12

10:00am Outdoor Service

Sunday, March 13 – **Daylight Saving Time**

Tuesday, March 15

7:00pm Executive Board

Saturday, March 26

9:00am Men's Forum

Sunday, March 27

12:15pm Voters Meeting

BIBLE MATH EXERCISE

Here is a math problem with a Biblical slant. Can you figure out what the correct numbers are to use in your calculations? Good luck!

START with the number of days Pentecost occurs after Easter (Acts 2)

DIVIDE by the number of cherubim depicted on the lid of the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:22)

SUBTRACT the number of apostles Jesus chose (Matthew 10:2-4)

SUBTRACT the number of days and nights Jonah was in the belly of the big fish (Jonah 1:17)

MULTIPLY by the number of Gospels

ADD the number of the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

SUBTRACT the number of the day on which God rested after completing creation (Genesis 2:2)

DIVIDE by the number of the tablets of the Law (Exodus 34:1)

SUBTRACT the number of commandments on the Tablets of the Law (Exodus 20:1-17, Deuteronomy 5:6-21)

SUBTRACT the number of years of famine suffered in Egypt during Joseph's time (Genesis 41:30)

ADD the number of years of plenty experienced in Egypt during Joseph's time (Genesis 41:29)

SUBTRACT the number of people who survived the flood (Genesis 7:13, 23).

AND THE FINAL ANSWER IS . . . (You can find a hint on page 4. The solution is on page 5.)

- Miranda Hempel



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Season after Epiphany Year C	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Feb. 6, 2022	Isaiah 6:1-13	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Feb. 13, 2022	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Feb. 20, 2022	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38
Transfiguration of our Lord Feb. 27, 2022	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2	Luke 9:28-36

Bible Math Exercise Hint: the answer is the number of persons in the Trinity

FEBRUARY 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 7:30pm Choir	3 6:30pm Table Talk	4	5 9am Men's Forum
6 9am Christian Education 10am Holy Communion	7	8	9 7:30pm Choir	10 7:30pm Book Group	11	12 10am Outdoor Worship Service
13 9am Christian Education 10am Holy Communion	14	15	16 7:30pm Choir	17	18	19
20 9am Christian Education 10am Holy Communion	21	22	23 7:30pm Choir	24	25	26 9am Men's Forum
27 9am Christian Education 10am Holy Communion 3pm Reformation Vespers & Lecture at St. Peter Lutheran	28		March 2 Ash Wednesday 7pm Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes			



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REQUESTED

Answer to Bible Math Exercise: 50 divided by 2 is 25, minus 12 is 13, minus 3 is 10, times 4 is 40, plus 9 is 49, minus 7 is 42, divided by 2 is 21, minus 10 is 11, minus 7 is 4, plus 7 is 11, minus 8 is 3.