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## The Messiah Messenger



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#### **Worship with Us**

Sunday service @ 9am In-Person and Facebook Live

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Off-street parking available



Invite your friends and family members to join you at church on Sunday, March 27

Friendship Reception to follow the worship service







Daily — Doggedly — Daringly
Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



Hey friends,

What a busy month we have ahead of us!

We start off with Ash Wednesday and the midweek Lenten services (which means more times for me to get hugs and pets).

And then we have Friendship Sunday (which also means more hugs and pets for me).

And don't forget that this month is MY BIRTHDAY!!! That means hugs, pets...and birthday cake, too!

I will turn six years old on March 26. (Check out the pictures from my last birthday.)

I may be a year older, but I still feel like a young pup.

My Jesus talks about being young. He says, "Bless the Lord...who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:5).

I've seen beagles before, with their floppy ears and white, brown and black fur, but I've never seen an eagle. Still, they sound impressive.

Know who else is impressive? My Jesus! He gives us good things to renew us.

He gives us love and forgiveness and forever life (which are even better than birthday cake).

Hey, that's why we do Lent, right? To remember Jesus and the good things He gives us so we can be His eagles (or something like that).

Anyway, like the psalm says, bless Jesus for His good gifts to you — and stay PAWSOME!

Your friend Gabriel







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**Messiah Early Childhood Center** 

# From the Pastor



#### Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Jesus, I will ponder now
On Thy holy Passion;
With Thy Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Thy suffering, pain, and
death,
That I may not perish.

Grant that I may willingly
Bear with Thee my crosses,
Learning humbleness of
Thee,

Peace mid pain and losses.

May I give Thee love for love!

Hear me, O my Savior,

That I may in heaven above

Sing Thy praise forever.

Sigismund von Birken
Translated by August Crull

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

This month we start our observance of the sacred season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2.

The theme for our midweek Lenten services is "Pencil Sketches of the Passion."

Have you ever thought of Samson as a foreshadow of Jesus?

What about Noah?

Or Jacob?

We will hear from these and other Old Testament individuals whose lives give us glimpses of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus.

I encourage you to set aside your Wednesday evenings, beginning with Ash Wednesday, to prepare your hearts for the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Our services will be held at 7:00 pm.

I look forward to worshipping with you as we together view these pencil sketches of our Lord's Passion.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Engel



