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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



Backpack Blessing

Sunday
August 25

1:00 pm

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Church
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*Each child will receive a
blessing and a free "Back-
to-School" goody bag.*

A proud community partner of Memorial Elementary



Messiah's partnership with Memorial Elementary began in 2018, making this the seventh school year of that partnership.

Gabriel Comfort Dog visits the school every week. Messiah also supports the staff through personalized birthday recognitions.

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



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey, Friends!

Do I have a story to tell you!

One of the families from our Early Childhood Center, the Bettencourt's, moved to Dubai this summer. (I don't know where that is, but it sounded like it was far away.)

Along with their other luggage, they had placed their electronics in their daughter Teresa's backpack.

(Just so you know, Teresa had been a student at the Early Childhood Center for six years. I really miss her and her little brother, Ben.)

Now, back to the story.

When all of the luggage arrived in Dubai, Teresa's backpack was missing.

Oh, no!! What about their electronics?!? What would they do without their electronics?!?

(I don't know what electronics are, but they sure sounded important.)

The airport people asked if there was any identification on the backpack.

And there was. My dog tag!!

So, the mom, Sarah, texted our Early Childhood Director, Miss Stacey, and asked for a picture of the dog tag.

Miss Stacey got in touch with my Top Dog, Miss Janet, who sent her pictures of my dog tag.

Then Miss Stacey sent the pictures to Miss Sarah, and they were able to identify Teresa's backpack.

My takeaway? Gabriel saves the day!!!

I bet that the Bettencourt's were all happy to get their electronics, whatever they are.

My Jesus told stories about people who lost things like a sheep and a coin.

He even told a story about a man with two lost sons.

(You can read these stories in Luke 15.)

In each story, people were happy when what was lost was found.

They even invited their friends to share their joy.

My Jesus told these stories to remind us that He is happy whenever He finds a person who was lost.

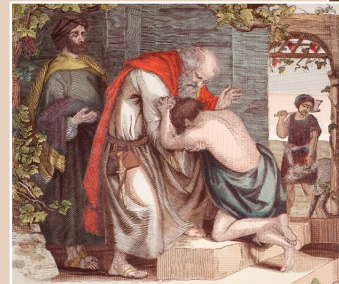
You know what? My Jesus was happy when He found you!

Isn't that PAWsome?!?

Your friend,
Gabriel



LUKE 15



From the Pastor



Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

*Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests
waiting —*

*Who will bear the sheaves
away?"*

*Loud and long the Master
calleth;*

Rich reward He offers thee.

*Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me?"*

Let none hear you idly saying,

"There is nothing I can do,"

While the multitudes are dying

And the Master calls for you.

*Take the task He gives you
gladly,*

Let His work your pleasure be;

Answer quickly when He calleth,

"Here am I, send me, send me!"

Daniel March

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Outreach Opportunities. That's what being a disciple of Jesus is all about. Opportunities to go into the world with the love and message of our Lord Jesus.

I sat down recently and asked myself the question, "What outreach opportunities can Messiah pursue in the remaining months of 2024?"

Here's what I came up with:

- Backpack Blessing in August
- Firefighter Dinners in September
- Camp Hope in October
- Seafarer Christmas Boxes in November
- North Pole Parade in December

If that list strikes you as ambitious, you're right. It is.

This ambitious list is based on two convictions.

First, ***an active church is a healthy church.*** Just like physical activity promotes the health of your body, so outreach activity promotes the health of a congregation.

Second, ***we can wear our slippers in heaven.*** There will be a time for us to rest from our labors. Until then, we wear our work boots.

I don't expect that every one of you will be able to participate in every outreach activity, but I do hope that each of you will find at least one activity that suits you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Engel

**Messiah Lutheran Church
develops disciples who are:**



**United
with Christ**

**Transformed
by Christ**

**Obedient
to Christ**

**We are in the business of
making disciples...
who make disciples.**