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# *The Messiah Messenger*

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*Daily – Doggedly – Daringly*

**Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love**



# Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

When I heard that I was going to a conference, I thought it would be a relaxing getaway, like when I go to a conference with Pastor.

Boy, was I wrong!

The Regional Comfort Dog Conference was a lot of work.

We did a whole bunch of training and I was on my paws all day.

My handlers also got a workout.

We were all dog tired!

But the training was good for us to keep us sharp on our skills so we can be a better team.

Disciples of my Jesus also do a lot of training so they can stay sharp.

They read God's Word and study it together.

They worship and go to Holy Communion.

All of this trains and equips them to be better followers of my Jesus.

This way they can go out in the community to meet people who might not know my Jesus.

Or they can pray with people like my handlers do.

Come to think of it, my Jesus gives us everything we need to be His disciples.

Isn't that PAWSOME?

Your friend,  
Gabriel



Persis Gabriel Martha Elijah Phoebe Pax Joy  
LCC K-9 Regional Gathering  
September 2024



# 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?"  
Long and loud the Master calls  
us,  
rich reward He offers free;  
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 lost of earth 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 calls  
you,  
"Here am I, send me, send me."*

Daniel March

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

You may have noticed a new emphasis in my ministry the last number of months, that of discipleship.

You might have noticed the visual to the right in the newsletters since last spring.

That's because in March I attended a conference in Florida.

This conference refocused my approach to ministry based on what Jesus says our job is as the church.

In Matthew 28, prior to His ascension, Jesus told His disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

Jesus didn't say, "Make worshipers." He didn't say, "Make volunteers." He didn't say, "Make spectators."

He said, "Make disciples." He told His disciples to make disciples. He turned His disciples into disciple makers. What they had learned from Him they were to tell others who in turn would tell others, and so on and so on and so on.

That is what we are to be, disciples...who make disciples of others.

This month I will join a Learning Community whose purpose is to help me move Messiah to be a congregation of disciples who make disciples.

I am looking forward to being trained and equipped to lead you to be the disciple that Jesus wants you to be. Not a spectator, not a volunteer, not a worshiper. Rather, a disciple who in turn makes disciples of others.

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.