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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.

FIREFIGHTER DINNERS

**May 7, 14,
21, and 28
at 5:30 pm**

**Station 11 on
TC Jester
north of I-10**

*To donate salad, a side dish or a
bread, contact Pastor Engel at
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Daily — Doggedly — Daringly

Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love

From the Pastor



On Galilee's High Mountain

*On Galilee's high mountain
Christ gave the great command
In words of strength and promise*

*Which all can understand:
"All pow'r to me is given
To do what I shall choose;
Therefore I send my children,
Their witness I will use."*

*His strength within my weakness
Will make me bold to say
How His redeeming power
Transforms my stubborn clay;
His touch of fire ignites me,
With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken,
With grace made eloquent.*

Henry L. Lettermann

Dear Friends in Christ,

Once again we are scheduled to serve dinners for the firefighters at Station 11 on TC Jester.

These meals are an example of the Outreach events that Messiah has done for many years.

Similar events include dinners at Camp Hope, participating in neighborhood activities such as this year's Easter Egg Hunt, and joining in on festivals at Memorial Elementary School.

All of these efforts are in service of what is often called the Great Commission. Before His ascension to the Father's side, Jesus told His disciples to "make disciples of all nations, by baptizing them...and teaching them." That is the mission of the Church and has been for almost 2,000 years.

These events also fulfill another work of the Church, namely being a good neighbor.

When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It is through obedience to the two Greatest Commandments that we pursue the Great Commission.

The most effective way to show someone that Jesus loves them is to love them ourselves. As the saying goes, "People don't care what you know until they know that you care."

That's why these dinners are important. They not only give us the opportunity to show our love for those we serve. They also help us get comfortable with loving other neighbors as well.

Ministry growth happens when we step beyond our comfort zones and do something that scares us. That might be walking into a fire station for the first time to bring a salad to one of our dinners. That might lead to bringing a pie to the neighbor you don't know so well who just lost a spouse. And with the pie you can offer the peace of God and a word of prayer.

Being good neighbors allows us also to be good witnesses.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Engel