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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.



Happy
INDEPENDENCE
Day

For you were called to
freedom, brothers. Only
do not use your freedom
as an opportunity for the
flesh, but through love
serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

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



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

I am one very relaxed pup, and for a very good reason,

Last month I went on a trip to Michigan with Pastor Tim and Miss Kim.

Let me tell you about it.

We took a boat to an island named Mackinaw.

They don't allow cars on the island, so I saw lots of bikes and horses.

At Whitefish Point, we went to the shore of a lake named Superior.

I only dipped my paws in the water there, because it was too cold to swim.

I met Grandpa Engel's friends Paul and Frank at Grandpa's coffee shop.

I even goofed around in a town named Frankenmuth.

But even though I was on vacation, I was also on mission.

Because of that, I met some wonderful people, including a young man named Joshua, a security guard at the Soo Locks (whatever they are).

You need to ask Pastor Tim about Joshua, because it's a really good story about Pastor and Joshua talking a long time about my Jesus.

Isn't that PAWSOME?

Your friend,
Gabriel



From the Pastor



Listen, God Is Calling

*Listen, listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting
Offering forgiveness
Comfort, and joy*

*Jesus gave His mandate:
Share the good news
That He came to save us
And set us free*

*Let none be forgotten
Throughout the world
In the triune name of God
Go and baptize*

*Help us to be faithful
Standing steadfast
Walking in Your precepts
Led by Your Word*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

“Always on mission.”

That’s our job, always to be on mission as disciples of our Lord Jesus.

What does that mean?

It means that we live in the conscious awareness that everyday God gives us opportunities to bear witness to our Lord Jesus and to be ready to do so.

St. Peter puts it this way. “In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15).

Always Being Prepared

Have you ever heard of an “Elevator Speech”? It’s a 30 second summary about a person’s business. What is your Elevator Speech about your faith? It can be formal or informal. For example, the Apostles’ Creed clocks in at just under forty seconds.

The Hope that Is in You

Do you radiate hope? Are you a positive person or a negative one? As Christians, we have every reason to be hopeful, positive people. There is no room for despair when we believe that “all things work together for good for those who love God” (Romans 8:28). Let that hope shine so that others can notice it.

With Gentleness and Respect

Non-Christians often think that we believers are harsh and judgmental people. Our job is to prove them wrong. With so much rancor in our culture, gentleness is welcome and respect is refreshing. Be the one who treats those outside the church like Jesus did. He welcomed sinners and ate with them, and in so doing, changed their hearts for eternity.

We are to be on mission everyday, ready to share the love of Jesus with all whom we encounter.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Engel