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The Messiah Messenger

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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.

DO YOU WANT A MORE

Christ-Like Character?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND YOUR

Kingdom Calling?

THEN ASK ABOUT

Followers Made

TAKE A SIX MONTH SPIRIT-LED

JOURNEY TO LEARN THE HABITS OF

DISCIPLESHIP THAT

DEVELOP YOUR CHARACTER AND

REVEAL YOUR CALLING

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Hey friends,

I've heard people say, "I wasn't born in Texas, but I got here as soon as I could!"

That's my story. I was born in Wisconsin and raised in Illinois.

But when I was a year-and-a-half old, I made it to Texas (and to Messiah), and I have been here for eight years.

Y'all were ready for me, too.

When I arrived, there was a kennel waiting for me in my office (you know, the one that I let Pastor Tim use) and at my new home. (Now that I'm a grown-up pupper, I don't need kennels anymore, but back then I did.)

Back to my point. There was a place prepared for me, which made me feel loved and wanted.

My Jesus says to us, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:2,3).

That means that Jesus loves us and wants to spend eternity with us.

I am eager to meet my Jesus and get hugs and pets from Him.

I hope that you are eager to meet Him, too, because He is eager to meet you.

Isn't that PAWSOME?

Your friend, Gabriel



My first restaurant outing with my team

I met Dr. Kyle for my first check-up in Houston. She's great and always tells me that I'm perfect!



A month after I arrived, y'all welcomed me as your official Comfort Dog!

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!

The fall is usually when things in nature start to wind down. Temperatures cool. Leaves die and drop. Grass goes dormant. Some parts of the country might even see a snow flurry or two.

But here at Messiah, things are heating up this fall as we prepare to launch not one but two major ministry efforts.

The first is **Followers Made**, a six month journey of discipleship to develop your Christ-like Character and discover your Kingdom Calling.

The second is **Crossroads Kids Club**, a weekly Bible club that will meet at Memorial Elementary School on Mondays from 3:15-4:15.

God is the one who opened the door for each of these opportunities for our church. One is for our members to grow in their own discipleship and the other is for our members to help others, specifically children, grow in their discipleship.

I firmly believe that God set these opportunities before us because He wants Messiah to be part of a growing disciplemaking movement.

In times of turmoil and anxiety, people are drawn to God as they realize how little control the have over their own lives. God wants us to be ready to serve and minister to these individuals as they are searching for answers that only are found in the Church.

I encourage you to pray for God's guidance regarding both Followers Made and Crossroads Kids Club. Ask Him if this is the season of your life to make a commit-

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ment to become a more devoted follower of Jesus. Ask if discipling the next generation is what He is calling you to do. And if the answers are both No, that's OK. But if there is a Yes, step out in faith to pursue it.

For more information about either of these opportunities, please contact me at messiahpastor@att.net or 219-921-3487.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Engel