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The Messiah Messenger

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Sunday service @ 9am
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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

**August 10,
17, 24 and 31
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



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

Some of my favorite people (next to my caregivers and handlers) are firefighters!

Every week Pastor Tim takes me to see my friends at Station 11.

Here's why I love my visits there:

- 1) They give great scratches!
- 2) The tile floor is really cool to lay on.
- 1a) Did I mention the scratches?
- 3) They protect our neighborhood and help people who are in trouble.

I hear that this month we are going to bring dinner to Station 11 to thank the firefighters for all they do to protect and help people.

Firefighters are a lot like my Jesus, if you ask me.

My Jesus is a protector and a helper, too.

In Psalm 23, my Jesus is described as a shepherd who takes care of His people, His sheep.

He provides what we need every day, like breakfast and dinner and treats.

He is even with us in scary places so that we don't have to be afraid.

And He protects us from the evil one, Satan, who is like a roaring lion who would attack us.

My Jesus takes care of us, and he gives us people like firefighters to take care of us, too.

Isn't that PAWSOME?

Your friend,
Gabriel



From the Pastor



“You, Lord, Have Filled Our Empty Hands”

You, Lord, have filled our empty
hands

With mercies from above
Now teach our hearts to freely
share

The riches of Your love

As Abraham received Your
grace

To bless each tribe and land
So send us forth with faithful
hearts

To serve at Your command

Until the day all nations sing
Before Your glorious throne
May every gift You give through
us

Return in praise alone

— Chat GPT

Dear friends in Christ,

When the Lord chose Abraham to be the father of a great nation, He told the seventy-five year old man, who, by the way, had no children, that all the peoples of the earth would be blessed through him.

That promise, of course, came to its fulfillment in the greatest of Abraham’s many descendants, our Lord Jesus.

The Lord also told Abraham that he himself would be a blessing, that Abraham would bring blessing and goodness into the lives of others.

Abraham was indeed a blessing to his nephew Lot. He even tried to be a blessing to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah as he asked the Lord to spare those wicked cities if there were ten righteous people in them.

You are also chosen by the Lord to be a blessing to the people around you, and this month we will explore how you can do that in a series of sermons called “B.L.E.S.S.”

Those letters tell us how to be a blessing for others.

- B — begin with prayer
- L — listen with care
- E — eat together
- S — serve in love
- S — share your story

These ordinary, everyday, easy, and inexpensive activities are ways that you can bring blessing into the lives of family members, friends, and neighbors as part of your life of discipleship.

We can even practice these skills when we visit Station 11 this month to bring dinner to the firefighters.

What does it take to change a life or change the world? Two things: the conviction that we are placed here to be a blessing to others, and the courage to do so.

It’s really not that hard.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Engel



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2 9:00 Communion Service 10:15 Bible Study	3	4	5 7:00 "Bible Bites" Online Discussion Group	6 3:00 Brookdale Chapel Service	7	8
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BACK TO SCHOOL