

The MESSENGER



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To Stay Connected while apart...



1. Did you know that you can follow Messiah's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/> and have access to all daily posts and important announcements?
2. Did you know that you can subscribe to our YouTube channel by going to <http://YouTube.com> and then finding Messiah Lutheran Church Mechanicsville, Digital? You'll find all midweek and Sunday services there!
3. Did you know that our website <http://messiahmech.com> is updated at least weekly with information pertaining to our services?
4. Did you know that you can also find us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/messiahmech/>?
5. Remember to check your personal email for messages from the church office concerning church updates and other important topics when necessary.

Make a ripple

Over the past several months, words of inspiration along with scripture passages, Messiah videos, and church announcements have been posted on our church Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/> on a daily basis by **Donna Shaw**. Over time it has been discovered that the encouraging words posted were not only welcomed but were needed. People have responded with thankfulness and have asked if posts can be shared. Of course, the answer is YES! While sharing a post may be something you don't usually do, the ripples can go far and wide. Would you like to make a ripple and see how far it goes? All you have to do is click 'share'!



Exploring Personal Evangelism

I have accepted a new challenge at Messiah... being council liaison to the Evangelism Team! Our dear brother, John Cline, left a 'blueprint' of what might be accomplished through this team, but that's not the intent of this article. Please stay tuned in the future for what that might mean though!

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The aim of this article is to launch a monthly idea for “Personal Evangelism” that you can try in your journey to spread God’s love. Many of struggle with sharing the Good News in a personal way with others. I hope the coming ideas will be helpful in some way wherever you are on the path of evangelism.

Jump Start #1:

Ask God daily to let yourself see others as He sees them. “It’s easy to see people as the driver in the car who cut you off, the cashier at the grocery store who seems grumpy, and the person in your neighborhood whose name you don’t know. God sees all of them as one of His sheep and someone for whom Jesus died.”

(excerpt from 10 ways to “Jump Start” Your Personal Evangelism w/ Chuck Lawless.)

Add this thought to your daily prayer to make it an intentional awareness. Who knows what doors God will open up?!

- **Donna Shaw**
Evangelism Team Liaison



* An apology goes to **Donna Shaw** for my accidentally failing to include her articles in the recently released newsletter.

— Susie