



# Monday Messenger

Messiah Lutheran Church + Mauldin, SC

Week of February 18, 2019

*Those who are wise understand these things; those who are discerning know them.  
For the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.  
- Hosea 14:9*

People of Messiah:

One of my children recently challenged me to a footrace. I emphatically said, "No!" When pressed as to why I was unwilling to accept the challenge, I told my kiddo, "Because we already know the outcome... I lose." When I counteroffered with a best of three in basketball, weightlifting, and Classic Rock trivia, my child declined. "I already know the outcome, dad, I lose." We agreed to reconvene the Woodbridge Way games in three weeks. (With Running) I've got a lot of work to do.

Never underestimate the gift of saying, "No." Sometimes we say, "Yes" to a challenge, opportunity, position, or request even when we know that the activity isn't a good fit for our skillset, time, spiritual gifts, and the like. Simply put, discernment is one of the greatest gifts of all. God invites us to align our abilities with callings and ministries they depend on what we have within us. Often our NO is making space for a YES further down the road.

Now, where did I put the Tylenol?

Grace and peace,

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## This Week at Messiah

**Wednesday, February 20:**

Bible Study @ 9:30 am  
Midday Worship @ Noon  
Wednesday Supper @ 5:30 pm  
Adult/Youth/Children's Programming @ 6:00 pm

**Sunday, February 24:**

Worship @ 8, 9, and 11:00 am  
Sunday School @ 10:15 am  
Confirmation @ 2:30 pm

**Sunday Readings:**

**Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**  
Genesis 43:3-11; 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,  
42-50; Luke 6:27-38