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### From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The month of July begins with Messiah celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation on July 1 with a worship service at 10:00 am and a meal and fellowship following. July 1 is not only the first day of the month but also the first day of the rest of our lives. This anniversary give us an opportunity to look back at how God has blessed us over the last 60 years. Certainly there have been some high points and low points but God has touched the lives of many people through the ministries and people of Messiah Lutheran Church, Greenhills, Ohio.

Anniversaries also give us the opportunity to talk about where we go from here. Our Mission Statement is **"Living Jesus and Sharing Jesus in our Community and World."** This statement is not only our mission but it is our identity. We are Christ's ambassadors conveying Jesus in everything we say and do.

In Matthew chapter 16 Jesus asked His disciples who people say the Son of Man is. There were many responses but Peter replied – **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** Jesus responded to Peter's confession by saying to Peter – **"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."** (Matthew 16:18) Our confession is the same as Peter's and Jesus promises to build His church upon that confession. Not only will Jesus build His church but hell cannot overcome it. When the church is attacked generally, and us Christians individually, I think we sometimes forget who is in control. God is in control and there is no force, not even hell, that can withstand the church's witness.

Where do we go from here? We continue to seek God's guidance and what He wants us to do in the communities in which we live. We should never become complacent and we should always have a sense of urgency when it comes to **"Living Jesus and Sharing Jesus."** I believe that God has great things in store for us.

The text states that the "gates of hades will not overcome it." What is interesting about those words is that hell is on the defensive. Churches and Christians often take a defensive posture when it comes to ministry. Jesus never intended His church to be on the defensive but rather on the offensive. We need to go forth boldly, confidently and courageously with our witness of Jesus as the Christ assured of Christ's presence and power. God's blessing to each and every one of us now and forever.

In Jesus' name

**Pastor Allen Stuckwisch**

**Reminder: Messiah Lutheran Church is celebrating its 60th anniversary this Sunday, July 1. There is only one service this weekend at 10:00am on Sunday. There is a Fellowship Coffee Hour beginning at 9 am on Sunday.**

## Upcoming Events

June 29 Reds Baseball Game  
July 1 Messiah's 60th Anniversary  
Celebration  
July 15 Pool Party  
July 21 Greenhills Bicycle Rodeo  
Aug 24 Night Golf



## From the Elders

***For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*** Galatians 5:1

As we prepare our cookouts and fireworks for Independence Day to celebrate our freedom, let us not forget where true freedom really comes. We have freedom in Christ Jesus. He has set us free and completely liberated us from the clutches of sin. We no longer need to live under the old yoke of sin. Jesus has lifted that from us and set us free. We need to stand firm though, in this freedom. We shouldn't look at the world around us and become ensnared again by the yoke of sin that once enslaved us. We need to stand firm — and keep on standing firm.

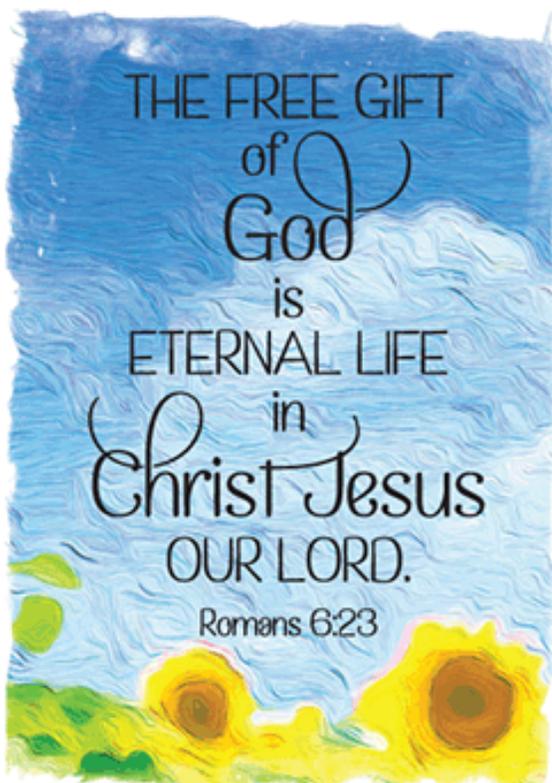
But our freedom in Christ does not mean we are free to 'live as we please'. We live according to the Spirit. We live clothed in Christ's righteousness. We realize that this is true freedom; it is not living to the flesh and pleasing our earthly appetites — that only leads us into bondage. May we today claim the freedom we have in Christ and stand firm in it.

The Board of Elders continues to encourage regular participation in worship and fellowship at Messiah. You can help as well. When you notice that one or more of our members has been absent, please pray that the Holy Spirit will move them to return, and then call, text or email them to let them know you miss them.

We also ask that you prayerfully consider offering your service as an usher, reader, greeter, sound board technician, Altar Society or Hospitality member. Help is needed in all of these areas. See **Linda Permann or an Elder** for more information on how to get started.

The Elders,

**Chuck Degenhardt, John Hiler, Shawn Horner, Tom Mueller, Rick Walter**





## From the Congregation President

As I write this President's article for the July Messenger, we are still busy preparing for Messiah's 60th Anniversary Celebration. Messiah has been a church in mission ever since its beginning in 1958. When twenty-eighth faithful Christians met to found a new congregation in the Greenhills/Forest Park area, they were told by **Dr. Otto Toelke**, Mission Director of the Ohio District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, "You are not starting a church for Lutherans, but a church to **share Jesus with everyone**". Messiah's founding families and their first pastor, **Paul Kettner**, took that to heart. They built a beautiful house of worship overlooking Winton Lake. **A preschool shared the love of Jesus and the fellowship of faith with the families of our community.** From 1969 to late 1980's Messiah Lutheran Preschool offered basic skills in an atmosphere of love and respect. **Caroline Williams, Nancy Logsdon and Sandy Jackisch** served as administrators. Messiah members used every means at their disposal to share Jesus in this community. Children and adults were baptized, communed, and built up in the most holy faith.

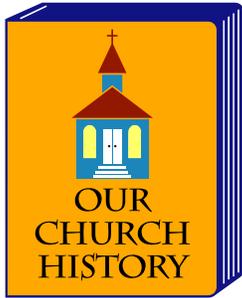
We are thankful to the Lord for all the dedicated members of Messiah who have given themselves so selflessly to the Lord's mission over the past 60 years and look forward to years of continued blessings. Today in 2018, 60 years later, we have a mission statement to be a **21<sup>st</sup> Century Mission Church, Living Jesus and Sharing Jesus in our community and the world.** One of the ways we can live Jesus and share Jesus in the community is by **finding a need and filling it.** Late last year the Greenhills Cooperative Preschool was flooded out of their classrooms at the Greenhills Presbyterian church. Operating out of temporary classrooms with no long term opportunity to return to permanent classrooms by the start of the next school year, Greenhills Cooperative Preschool approached Messiah in January to inquire about Messiah becoming a new location for their Preschool.

**The Greenhills Cooperative Preschool came to us with a need and we were capable of filling it.** In May the Messiah Voters Assembly voted to allocate funds from the Major Repair Fund in 2018 to provide capital improvements required for the Greenhills Cooperative Preschool to be operated in our building. Later in May, the Greenhills Cooperative Preschool Board voted to terminate their arrangement at Greenhills Presbyterian and relocate to Messiah. The Pastor at Greenhills Presbyterian and the congregation have been notified with only positive feedback and support from Greenhills Presbyterian. Messiah is working on a legal agreement that will protect both parties. We have also started making detailed plans to prepare the classrooms and construct the playground to be ready for the first day of classes on Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an exciting new chapter in the use of our building that will be a blessing to both Greenhills Community and Messiah. After almost 30 years Messiah will again have a preschool on our property with young families visiting us daily and children playing in a playground in the back of the church. Messiah is a good neighbor to the Greenhill Community as we strive to be a **21<sup>st</sup> Century Mission Church, Living Jesus and Sharing Jesus in our community and the world.**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is  
love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness,  
self-control ...**

Galatians 5:22-23, ESV

## Messiah's History (the beginning – part 7 by Greg McEneny)



Now we have started regular Sunday school and church services. Our first communion service was on July 13. Our Sunday School classes were held on the bleachers in the Greenhills gym, where we then put up folding chairs for services. **Shirley Bright, Barry Campbell and Marilyn Miller** were the first teachers. Sunday School children were ages 3 – 13.

Then we started work on Vacation Bible School. **Greg McEneny** was Christian Education Chairman but knew nothing about VBS (Catholic background), but others had experience in that area. We had planning meetings on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. VBS ran for one week – the 28<sup>th</sup> July through August 1 with a closing service at 7pm on August 1. The classes were held at Damon Road School in Greenhills with 47 children enrolled.

We paid \$1.88 per day to rent the gym for our classes. **Joyce Anderson**, from Our Redeemer, drove over every day from Deer Park to teach a class for us. **Herb Petzoldt** worked second shift, and since VBS was in the morning, he also taught.

With the rent plus food, punch, etc. the cost came to \$90.95. So now as a regular church, we have to have a budget and financial reports. As of July 31 our receipts exceeded disbursements by \$396.57. Our budget for June to December was \$2501.



### Sunday, July 15th

SWIMMING AND  
GAMES FOR FAMIL-  
LIES

POOL SIDE DINNER & GUITAR MUSIC

Fun begins at 4:00pm

Grilled Chicken/Burgers/Brats Provided

Beer/Wine/Soft Drinks Provided

You Bring Potluck Apps/Sides/Desserts

Worachek Residence

775 Kingfisher Ln, Glendale

Sign-up poster in the  
Narthex or Call Church  
Office

## 1st Annual Messiah Target Shooting Event



We have had a high number of responses to our request for preferred dates and registration forms. To assure safety and an enjoyable event for all, we will be having 3 separate events on 3 different dates. This will allow for smaller groups and better coach-

ing and safety oversight.

**Randy Gross** will be contacting everyone who has registered to lock in your date:

Saturday Aug 4 10 am

Saturday Aug 18 10 am

Saturday Sept 15 10 am

If you have not registered and would like to participate, please contact **Randy Gross**

rgross18@cinci.rr.com (513) 608-7645



**Book Club** will meet on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Marsha Wingo**, 86 Twin Lakes, Fairfield, at 2:30 p.m. to discuss “Miss Julia Speaks her Mind” by **Ann B Ross**. This is the beginning of a delightful series of the adventures (and misadventures) of a middle aged woman who suddenly becomes a widow. She discovers her husband had a secret life and the results are side-splitting. Books will be available at the June meeting.

**OWLS**



No OWLS gathering for July – Summer Vacation



Time to collect **school supplies** for **Tri-County SOUL Ministries Families**. Please buy and bring your school supplies to Messiah by July 22, as we will begin distributing them on Aug. 1. Each child gets 10 “points” to spend for school supplies and prices vary from 1 point for 5 pencils to 5 points for a backpack. This way they “shop” for what they need and are not just handed a bag of supplies. See the list for ideas.

**Suggested school supplies for Tri-County SOUL Ministries**

(Please donate by July 22.)

- Book bags – small or large
- Erasers – large
- Glue Sticks (large or small)
- Highlighters (any color)
- Markers
- Colored pencils (12 pack preferred)
- Pencil case (Plastic type to put into 3-ring binder preferred)
- Pocket Folders (with prongs)
- Wide & College Ruled loose leaf notebook paper

- Wide & College Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- 3 ring binders (1” or larger)
- White board markers (low odor)
- Ream of copy paper
- Fiskar scissors (both blunt & pointed)
- 24 count crayons,
- Pencils or pens
- Pencil sharpeners with cover
- 3 X 5 notecards
- Crayons 24
- Compasses and protractors
- Small calculators



- **A BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped with the Prince of Peace Dinner on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **A BIG THANK YOU** to **Ron Schapp** for driving his vintage Dodge in the Greenhills Pioneer Days Parade on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We also appreciate those who walked in the parade and handed out 200 bottles of water with Messiah labels.
- Our next opportunity to help in the Greenhills Community will be **Saturday, July 21**. The Greenhills Police have asked us to help them hold a **bicycle rodeo**. We need hotdog grillers, people to sit at the registration table, and people to fit children with safety helmets. Watch the bulletin and E-news as the time approaches.
- Join the Celebration: At this time we need \$180.00 to reach our goal of donating 6 oak trees for Greenhills 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are giving 6 trees to coincide with Messiah’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There is a jar in the narthex for donations or you may give your donation to **Jim Worachek, Barb Degenhardt, or Sandy Walter**.



Thank you to all who volunteered (in whatever capacity) for VBS. What a fun week. Lots of lessons learned revolving around “Jesus Rescues” – when we are lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong, when we are powerless. Each day was a new lesson.

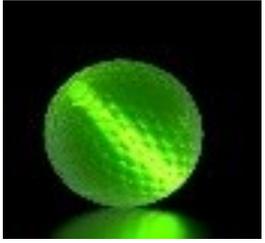




Bell Choir practice for the 60th Anniversary Celebration.

The orchestra played at the Saturday evening service and the 8:30 Sunday service on the weekend of June 23rd and 24th.





## Glow In The Dark Golf

**When:** Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Fairfield North Trace Golf Course

**Time:** Approximately 8 PM

Have you ever played golf in the dark? Want to try? Those who attended last year's night golf outing had so much fun we are bringing it back again.

Fairfield North Trace is an executive style (short) course with four par 4 and five par 3 holes. We will play a scramble so you don't need to be a scratch golfer to have fun and try something a little different. It doesn't matter how good (or bad) a golfer you are. Come on try it! It will be a lot of fun for everyone!

Sign up now in the narthex to reserve a spot for this year.

## Yogafit~Style

One of the hottest fitness trends is also one of the oldest fitness practices – yoga

Yogafit~Style is a yoga program for all levels of participants which focuses on the body and mind.

Yogafit~Style combines elements of hatha yoga with traditional fitness exercises and stretching routines. It is non-competitive and appropriate for all ages and fitness levels.

Yogafit~Style classes focus on: Breathing, Feeling, Listening to the Body, Letting Go of Competition, Judgment and Expectation. Staying in the Present Moment.

After regular Yogafit~style workouts, you will experience increased strength and stamina, natural weight loss, a higher energy level, more vitality, better body awareness and better body tone

**Fitness focused yoga classes led by  
Yogafit~trained instructor**

**Monday Nights  
7:00 PM in the Messiah Narthex**

**Classes are \$10 each**

**Sign-up to indicate interest in attending  
Not a commitment to attend every week**

**Let us know if another time or day of the week works better for you**

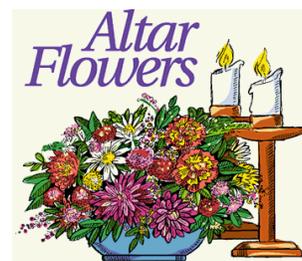
**Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex or Call Church Office**



- 1 Katelyn Budke
- 1 Kristen Budke
- 2 Robert Clements
- 2 Annika Michael
- 4 Mitchell Bow
- 7 Carol Morison
- 8 Chris Wunnenberg
- 9 David Butler
- 10 Dennis Lopez
- 11 Bob Staab
- 12 Tom Mueller
- 14 Dorothy Meyer
- 14 Jennifer Pilsner
- 14 Patrick Kenyon
- 16 Stephen Bow
- 16 Andrew Hopper
- 18 Ruth Nugent
- 18 Dustin Streib
- 19 Don Rottinghaus
- 19 Nancy Green
- 20 Lois Harrison
- 21 Chuck Degenhardt
- 22 Walker Gardner
- 23 Joshua Priebe
- 25 Claudia Bow
- 28 Raymond Helms
- 31 Lois Braun
- 31 Lisa Mueller



- 1 Mitchell and Anna Wilhelm
- 5 Ed and Julie Mayer
- 6 Wayne and Bunny Doebling
- 6 Don and Barb Rottinghaus
- 8 Steve and Debbie Horner
- 10 Joseph and Jennie Edelstein
- 12 Ted and Mary Clare McCammon
- 15 Jim and Sue Worachek
- 16 Mel and Ruth Schobert
- 30 David and Sara Daugherty
- 31 Robert and Karen Ditz



*Altar  
Flowers*

**Altar Flowers**

The following families have signed up for July:

**Hiler, Rice, Degenhardt, Inman,  
and Lois Harrison**

Please remit your payment of **\$25** to

**“MESSIAH  
ALTAR  
SOCIETY”**

and place in the Altar Society mailbox in the church office.

*Thank You!*



Thank you for all the prayers, cards and get well wishes following my recent surgery. It is a wonderful gift from God to have so much support from family and friends.

Tom Mueller

**Messenger Deadline for the August**

**issue is**

**July 15.**

**Send articles to [messenger@MessiahGRH.org](mailto:messenger@MessiahGRH.org)**

# July 2018

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mon | Tue                                      | Wed                                                                                            | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p>1 <b>60th Anniversary</b></p> <p>9:00 Fellowship<br/>Coffee Hour<br/>10:00am Anniversary<br/>Celebration Service<br/>11:30 Celebration Lunch<br/>and Memoires</p>                                                                                                                           | 2   | <p>3<br/>7:30pm Band and<br/>Vocals</p>  | <p>4<br/></p> | 5   | 6   | <p>7<br/>5:30pm Traditional<br/>Worship Service</p>                                                                                  |
| <p>8<br/>8:30am Traditional<br/>Worship Service<br/>9:30am Education Hour<br/>10:45am Contemporary<br/>Worship Service<br/>2:30pm Book Club</p>                                                                                                                                                | 9   | <p>10<br/>7:30pm Band and<br/>Vocals</p> | <p>11<br/>10:15am Ladies'<br/>Bible Study</p>                                                  | 12  | 13  | <p>14<br/>7:30am Elders Meeting<br/>8:30am Leadership<br/>Board Meeting<br/>5:30pm Traditional<br/>Communion<br/>Worship Service</p> |
| <p>15<br/>8:30am Traditional<br/>Communion<br/>Worship Service<br/>9:30am Education Hour<br/>10:45am Contemporary<br/>Communion<br/>Worship Service<br/>4:00pm Pool Party at<br/>Worachek's home</p> <p></p> | 16  | <p>17<br/>7:30pm Band and<br/>Vocals</p> | <p>18<br/>10:15am Ladies'<br/>Bible Study</p>                                                  | 19  | 20  | <p>21<br/><b>Greenhills Bicycle<br/>Rodeo</b></p> <p>5:30pm Traditional<br/>Worship Service</p>                                      |
| <p>22<br/>8:30am Traditional<br/>Worship Service<br/>9:30am Education Hour<br/>10:45am Contemporary<br/>Worship Service</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | 23  | <p>24<br/>7:30pm Band and<br/>Vocals</p> | <p>25<br/>10:15am Ladies'<br/>Bible Study</p>                                                  | 26  | 27  | <p>28<br/>5:30pm Traditional<br/>Worship Service</p>                                                                                 |
| <p>29<br/>8:30am Traditional<br/>Worship Service<br/>9:30am Education Hour<br/>10:45am Contemporary<br/>Worship Service</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | 30  | <p>31<br/>7:30pm Band and<br/>Vocals</p> |                                                                                                |     |     |                                                                                                                                      |