



## From the Pastor

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many things will take place in the month of October. We will begin with Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday on **October 13**. In October we will have a Stewardship emphasis culminating with Pledge Sunday on **October 20**. **October 27** we will have Reformation Sunday with our regular services at Messiah and also an afternoon area wide service at 4:00 at Christ Lutheran Church. Finally at the end of October we will finish our study of the book – "Joining Jesus on His Mission." Even though the study will conclude, the implementation of Missional Living is only beginning. I am excited to see how God will use the members of Messiah.

As we think about stewardship and the giving of ourselves in service to God and others it is good to remember that God has been faithful to us. It is important for us then to examine our faithfulness in response to God's love for us. Every year it seems to get more and more difficult to keep good balance in our lives. There are so many things that compete for our time and attention. I always encourage people to be involved in weekly worship, a Bible study, and at least one ministry within our congregation. The challenge is to do that in conjunction with all of the other activities that we have in our lives. How do I balance my children's lives, my personal life, and my church life? We get through each day and each week feeling totally exhausted. How do I live a balanced life? The answer may not always be clear. It is important for us take time to sit down and decide what are our priorities as children of God and, at the same time, honoring the relationships given to us by God. We have relationships in the world that must be honored and we are members of a church that seeks to bring the love of Jesus to others. Once again - How do I maintain balance? While the answer may not be clear to us and the answer is different for each and everyone one of us, I do know that the First Commandment still applies to us - God must come first. Does God come first? Everyone must answer that question for themselves. We cannot judge others regarding that answer we can only judge for ourselves and our families.

When God comes first everything else will fall into place. We may not have ridden ourselves of hectic and chaotic lives, but we have the formula where we can place our stresses and worries into the hands of a loving God.

We truly do have a loving God who sees us through the chaos that the devil, the world, and our sinful selves place before us. It has become a cliché but it is truly relevant - Let Go and Let God.

In looking at your stewardship think about what God has done for you and then think about your response to that love. Put God first in your life; worship Him weekly; be in the Word; and then be involved in a task where you can use the gifts God has given you to honor Him and to serve others.

May God bless you and your family throughout the month of October and in the months and years to come.

In Jesus' name

**Pastor Allen Stuckwisch**



## Upcoming Events

Oct 5 Greenhills Harvest Festival  
Oct 13 Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League Sunday  
Family Day at Cincinnati Zoo  
Oct 19 Messiah Fall Workday  
Oct 26 Trunk or Treat  
Oct 27 Reformation Service at  
Christ Lutheran

## From the Elders

In the early decades of the 1900s, railroads were the main source of transportation for freight. Prior to the later automation of railroad crossings, there were only signs that read “Stop! Look! Listen!” often accompanied by a flagman waving a lantern. Of course, this type of sign would never work today. People wouldn’t see it, let alone read it. And yet, it is good advice. Let’s consider those three words: Stop! Look! Listen!

We must STOP to take inventory – to see what great things God has done for us – to make certain we have our priorities straight – to make sure we are on the right track – for rest and contemplation – to consider possible dangers and pitfalls that may be lurking in our path – to gain spiritual rest for our soul – to commune in prayer with our heavenly Father – to drink of the water that quenches all thirst.

We must LOOK ahead – about us and within ourselves – look up to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith – look to the Lord for guidance, strength, comfort, peace, companionship, hope, assurance, forgiveness and salvation. May the language of our hearts be, as Micah writes, “As for me, I will look to the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.”

We must also LISTEN to our heavenly Father Who says to us in Matthew, ***“This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; Listen to Him”***. There are all kinds of voices out there in the world trying to get our attention. Listen to Him who created us, redeemed us and sanctified us. Listen to the holy, Spirit-filled, power-packed Word of our Lord. We must faithfully, diligently listen for the purpose of discovering: What’s the Lord Jesus telling me about Himself? – about myself? – What warning, admonition, instruction is there for me? – What does He want me to do or not do? – Listen to hear ever anew what He has done for us on the cross at Calvary; that He took our place, paid our price, that in Him we have eternal life.

How important it is that we pause from time to time; that we take inventory of our lives; that we make certain that we know from where we have come, why we are here, and above all, that we know where we are going. To that end it is vitally important that we STOP! LOOK! and LISTEN!

The Elders

John Hiler, Shawn Horner, Steve Horner, Tom Mueller, Rich Rutz

The Cincinnati Federation invites all to the **Reformation Worship Service**, October 27, 2019 at 4:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church ( 3301 Compton Rd., Cincinnati). . Rev. Otto Brillinger will be the speaker.

The 4th annual Auxiliary Hymn Fest and Ingathering at 3:00pm.



**FALL WORK DAY**

Our Fall work day at Messiah will be on Saturday, October 19th. We will start at 8:00 a.m. and plan to be finished by noon. It's a great opportunity for fellowship as we work together to clean up the grounds and get the building ready for winter. Please bring your yard tools, rakes, clippers, trimmers, etc. There will be both outdoor and indoor projects. Coffee juice, and donuts included!! Hope to see you there.





# From the Congregation President

Our Quarterly Voters' Meeting was held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We highlighted the upcoming months with many opportunities to be involved, both inside and outside the church.

- Starting on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Messiah will have a booth at the **Greenhills Harvest Festival**. The Outreach Committee and volunteers will be making Trick-or-Treat bags with anyone who wants one. Be sure to stop by and say hello or volunteer to help man the booth.
- Messiah will be participating in **Family Day at the Cincinnati Zoo** on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex for reduced priced tickets.
- You can also help us get the grounds ready for winter at our **fall workday** on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date the following Saturday. We will have something for everyone to do. Many hands make light work.
- At the end of the month, on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will host our **annual Trunk-or-Treat** (rain or shine). We need lots of people to come and decorate their cars, hand out candy to Trunk-or-Treaters and to just come have a good time. We'll have food on-hand. We are inviting the community and preschool to participate, so we'll need lots of people and candy.

As you can see, we have a variety of activities, something I'm sure you can find to enjoy and invite a friend, neighbor or grandchild.

Also highlighted at the Voters' meeting was the work that will need to be done to repair/replace much of the equipment damaged during a lightning event in early August. The security system, organ and A/V equipment was damaged. Fortunately, we have replacement insurance and a portion of the damage will be covered. However, some of the undamaged A/V equipment will need to be replaced to be compatible with new digital hardware (vs the current all analog system we have). This incremental cost to Messiah will be over \$16,000. We have already had some individuals contribute over half of this need. If you are able, please consider giving a thank offering to go towards the update of our A/V system.

October also brings about the time to think about our stewardship of the gifts God has given us and how we respond to the blessings we have. A stewardship packet containing a letter and pledge cards has been mailed to your homes. Please take the opportunity to review that letter and prayerfully consider how you will respond. Returning both the Time/Talent pledges as well as a financial commitment will help the Leadership team plan for the 2020 calendar year. We ask that you return your pledges during Commitment Sunday or by November 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest.

As always, if you have anything you want to plan, share it with a Leadership Board member and we can help you make it happen.

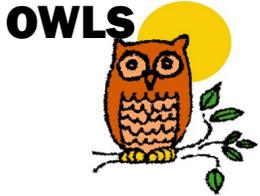
**Chris Berndt**

2019 Messiah Giving and Expenses	
August Income	\$ 26,083
August Expenses	\$ 29,158
2019 Income	\$ 237,687
2019 Expenses	\$ 250,473

August ended up with expenses exceeding income by \$3,075. Year-to-date expenses exceed income by \$12,786. Giving always drops during the summer vacation months, we are in a better financial position than this time last year. The mortgage reduction challenge received an additional \$2,337 in August. That is fantastic, we are making great progress towards our \$40,000 goal, currently standing at \$11,841. Please prayerfully consider donating to this challenge to allow to achieve our long-term goal of 10% of our budget outside-the-walls.



**Book Club** will meet on October 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of **Jean Floyd**, 7138 St. Albans Way, Liberty Twp. To discuss the book "Promise" by **Minrose Gwin**. This historical fiction novel recounts a tornado that hit Tupelo, MS in 1936. It follows the experience through the eyes of a white family and an African American family. The back of the book has photographs from the event. Extra copies are available in the church office if you'd like to pick up a copy.



**OWLS** will meet on October 15 at 11:30 a.m. for our delicious potluck lunch followed by humorist **Sandy Lingo**- "Laugh a little or a lot- your choice". Come to hear a local Erma Bombeck bring humor to everyday life. Invite your friends!



**Greenhills Harvest Fest** is October 5th. Help is needed for manning our booth – this year the craft is painting trick or treat bags. Please join us by helping at the booth for an hour or two. Thanks.



Tri-County SOUL Ministries thanks all who participated in the Simply Give Program at Meijer. We will find out sometime in October what our efforts amounted to. During the month of August, we served 1450 clients which included 582 were children – many of these were school age who benefited from the school supply give away at the pantry. The building has undergone a facelift on the outside with a new roof and exterior siding. A generous benefactor has made this possible, since we are not able to build a new building.



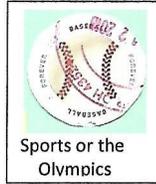
Choir rehearsals have begun! We meet at 7:15 most Wednesdays and rehearse until 8:30. Choir will sing 2-3 times/month, including an occasional Saturday service. We are practicing handbells 2-3 Wednesdays/month from 6:30-7:15. We will play 1 or 2 times each month. All ages welcome! Children and youth will be invited to sing for worship several times a year. Soloists and small groups, both vocalists and instrumentalists, of all ages, will be a regular part of worship at Messiah. Please consider joining us as we help lead Messiah in worship!

For more information, contact **Cathy Carson** 513-824-1241 [cathycarson82@gmail.com](mailto:cathycarson82@gmail.com)

# Stamps For Missions

## SAVE

### ➤ Commemorative Stamps



### ➤ Foreign Stamps



Save only post cards dated 1930 or earlier, as well as unused stamps or sheets of stamps.

Please remember to leave at least 1/4" margin around the stamps.

Bring cancelled stamps in a zip-lock bag to any LWML Ohio District Zone event, Bd. of Directors meeting, or Ohio District Convention.

\*It is helpful if you separate the commemorative from the foreign stamps.

## Do Not Save

### ➤ Regular stamps; no longer accepted by appraiser.



### ➤ Damaged stamps which are missing any part of the perforated edge, torn, creased, marked, scotch-taped, glued, etc.

### ➤ Regular and damaged stamps will just be thrown away so do not save them!

The Women's Auxiliary Federation of Lutheran Churches of Cincinnati and Vicinity cordially invites you to the annual

## Festival of Ingathering

Ingathering Speaker and Guest Preacher:

Rev. Otto Brillinger



Rev. Otto Brillinger

Your additional gift of a simple pencil pouch will bless the 90+ children of St. Peter and St. Paul of Amaty, Kazakhstan

Sunday, October 27, 2019  
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

3301 Compton Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45251

Mission Presentation 3:00 p.m.  
Auxiliary Hymn Fest 3:30 p.m.  
Reformation Service 4:00 p.m.



# Messiah Family Day at the Cincinnati Zoo!

Sunday, October 13th

Sign-up & pay  
Hailey  
by October 6th!



**Cost:**  
**\$12 for adults**  
**\$10 for ages 2-12**  
**(+ Optional Add-Ons)**

## Messiah Family Day at the Zoo

Join us for a day at the Cincinnati Zoo on October 13<sup>th</sup>!  
Cost is \$12 for adults (13 & older) and \$10 (ages 2-12), plus optional add-ons.

Sign up on the bulletin board and pay Hailey by October 6<sup>th</sup>.



October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 PM to 8:45 PM. RAIN OR SHINE!

Free Food, Kona Ice, Pumpkin Decorating, and more!

Costumes are welcome, but please refrain from wearing scary costumes.

Sign up to decorate your trunk and to pass out candy to the kids as they “trunk or treat”.

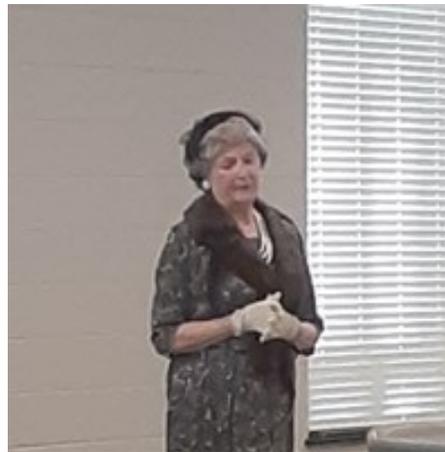
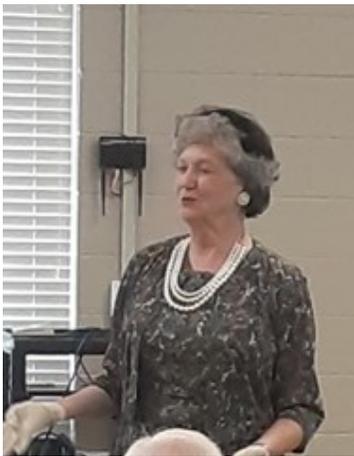


## October Events

**5th - Greenhills Harvest Festival**

**13th - Messiah Family Day at the Zoo**

**26th - Trunk or Treat**



In September OWLS enjoyed another great potluck lunch and a presentation "Surviving the Sinking of the Titanic" by Darlene Gage who portrayed Alice Christian, a Titanic survivor.

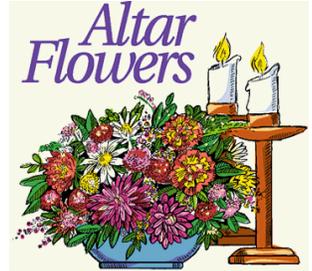




- 1 Verna Wunnenberg
- 2 Sarah Mayer
- 2 Amira Ramahi
- 3 Michael Ditz
- 3 Eileen Tanis
- 4 Carol Dupps
- 4 Beth Hopper
- 8 Robert Hullinger
- 8 Diane Magill
- 9 Silas Berndt
- 9 Emily Capal
- 9 Andrew Sparks
- 10 Jason Farler
- 10 Karen Mulry
- 13 Lynn Hiler
- 14 Aryanna Horner
- 14 Jasmine Horner
- 17 Brad Stroeh
- 21 Lora Budke
- 24 Debbie Capal
- 26 Jason Kennedy
- 27 Adele Staten
- 29 Celeste Hackmann
- 30 Robert Ditz
- 31 Gregg Dupps



- 8 Bob and Cherry Staab
- 11 Stan and Debbie Capal
- 14 Randy and Julie Gross
- 20 Steve and Christina Bow
- 23 Dave and Susan Bennett
- 25 Randy and Karen Schuerman



**Altar Flowers**

The following families have signed up for October:  
Rice, Staab

Please remit your payment of **\$35** to

**“MESSIAH  
ALTAR  
SOCIETY”**

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

Thank You!

**The flowers must be paid for before the order is placed**

Messenger Deadline for the November issue is  
October 15.  
Send articles to [messenger@MessiahGRH.org](mailto:messenger@MessiahGRH.org)

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30pm Band and Vocals	2 10:15am Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell practice 7:15pm Choir practice	3	4	5 <b>Greenhills Harvest Fest</b> 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 11:30am Free Hot Dog Lunch 5:30pm Traditional Communion Worship Service
6 8:30am Traditional Communion Worship Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Communion Service	7	8 7:30pm Band and Vocals	9 10:15am Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell practice 7:15pm Choir practice	10	11	12 7:30am Elders Meeting 8:30am Leadership Board Meeting 5:30pm Traditional Worship Service
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