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From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanksgiving Day is always the fourth Thursday in November. This year Thanksgiving Day is the latest it can be – November 28. If you google the reason for Thanksgiving Day you will see that ***"It is a day when a family can gather together because it is a national holiday. The reason for Thanksgiving is gratitude. Gratitude for the people who are in our life and for what they mean to us. It is also a time of remembrance for the good things that have happened."*** While all of this is true as Christians we know that Thanksgiving Day is an opportunity for us to thank

God for the countless blessings that He has poured into our lives which certainly includes our family and our friends and all of the good things that has happened in our lives.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once wrote: "If anyone should give me a dish of sand and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for the particles with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to find them. But let me take a magnet and sweep through the sand, and how it would draw to itself the most invisible particles by the sheer power of attraction. The unthankful heart, like my fingers in the sand, discovers no blessings; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find in every hour some blessings: only the iron in God's hand is gold."

In our study of "Joining Jesus on His Mission," one of the things that we are asked to do is "Seeking the Kingdom: How did you see God at work this week." I believe that this will help us, not only in the effort of being everyday missionaries, but also helping us to live thankful lives. As we see God at work in our lives and in the lives are others we cannot help but be thankful that we have a God who loves us and promises always to be with us. **"God is good all the time; All the time God is good."**

As we spend time with family and friends and as we have gratitude for the people who are in our lives and gratitude for all the good things that has happened to us, let us never forget that God is there for us every minute of every day. In the good times and in the bad times we are not alone.

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:4 & 5.

Yours In Christ,

Pastor Allen Stuckwisch



Voters' Meeting

November 17, 2019

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

11:15 am Lunch (Graceworks

sponsored—youth serving)

11:45 am Voters' Meeting

Upcoming Events

Nov 1 All Saints' Day
Nov 3 Daylight Savings Ends
Nov 5 Election Day
Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 17 Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Nov 24 Christ the Kind Sunday
Nov 27 Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day
Dec 1 1st Sunday of Advent
Dec 4 Advent Dinner and Service
Dec 6 Graceworks Christmas Party
Dec 7 Progressive Dinner
Dec 8 2nd Sunday of Advent
Dec 11 Advent Dinner and Service
Dec 15 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Children's' Christmas Service
Dec 18 Advent Dinner and Service
Dec 22 4th Sunday of Advent
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25 Christmas Day Service
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Service



From the Elders

How are you doing with your journey of Faith, your Faith Walk?

Jesus Christ said, **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"** John 14:6. For many this becomes a lifeline to safety—a bridge that they quickly cross. But for many the journey from despair to faith is not so easy.

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:31

God is patient, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to life. It's OK to search for the truth, to understand the terms and conditions upon which you cast yourself on the mercy of God, but once you are fully convinced of the truth, fully persuaded that Jesus died for your sins, and that He was buried, and He rose again the third day, and you still refuse to embark on the journey of faith, you turn back towards the darkness instead of walking towards the light. And that, friend, is a danger that offers no hope or help. Faith is not a blind leap in the dark but intentionally and deliberately walking towards the light.

So hold on tight and let Jesus and the Holy Spirit take you on the journey, your Faith Walk. Follow The Light and let The Light of Christ shine through you to others.

The Elders continue 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,

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



**Change
your clocks
back one
hour on
Sunday
November
3rd**





From the Congregation President

With November comes the start of the holiday season with Thanksgiving and a time for us to reflect on all with which we've been blessed this past year. We are thankful for Pastor, our DCE and all the staff of our congregation. We are thankful for all the lay leaders of our congregation. Most of all, we are thankful for God and His Son Jesus Christ, who has had mercy on us and bestows grace on us daily. November is the time where we earnestly plan for the upcoming calendar year, with a new Ministry Plan and budget to support that plan. Thank you to all who participated in Commitment Weekend in mid-October. If you have not had a chance to return the pledge cards mailed to your home, you still have time. The Time, Talent and Treasure card each play a vital role in the planning process. The Leadership team will present our plan for 2020 at the Quarterly Voters' Meeting on Sunday, November 17th. We encourage all to be there to participate in the life of our congregation.

On Monday, November 25th, you will have the opportunity to serve with the Interfaith Hospitality Network at OLR the families in need of shelter. Contact **Joan Ramahi** if you can help with this. We're always looking for volunteers to help. What a great way to respond to what we've been given and to show the love of our Heavenly Father to those who need a little help.

November also concludes the church year with Advent beginning the first weekend in December. We will have weekly Advent Worship services in Wednesdays. Our children will have the opportunity to participate in our annual Christmas Program on Sunday December 15th. Look for upcoming messages from Hailey and the Family Ministries team on how you or your children can get involved.

God Bless you and your families in the upcoming month.
Chris Berndt

2019 Messiah Giving and Expenses	
Sept. Income	\$ 28,395
Sept. Expenses	\$ 34,448
2019 Income	\$ 266,081
2019 Expenses	\$ 284,922

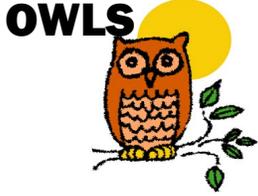
September ended up with expenses exceeding income by \$6,054. Year-to-date expenses exceed income by \$18,840. We are currently trending a little worse than last year, but still have \$21,000 cash on hand to cover monthly expenses. The mortgage reduction challenge received an additional \$1,036 in September. Additionally, we had a little over \$11,000 contributed to cover the A/V equipment that will need to be replaced to be compatible with the new pieces damaged from the August lightening event. Thanks to all that made a special contribution the past month.



God makes us rich in every way so we can be generous on every occasion, which will result in thanksgiving to God. ... God doesn't bless us to provide for our own needs; he blesses us so we can be generous.



Book Club: We will meet at church following the quarterly voters' meeting on November 17 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss "Not that I Could Tell" by **Jessica Strawser**. This mystery is set in the small town of Yellow Springs, OH, written by a Cincinnati author. You may even have been to Young's dairy, mentioned in the book. Extra copies are in the church office, come join us for a lively discussion.



OWLS: We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on November 19 for our delicious pot luck followed by a presentation by **Kevin Jobe**, who represents a ministry to Cuba called Ancient Paths. Come and see what this exciting current missionary program is all about. Bring a friend!

Planning ahead: Get in Holiday Spirit with the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ Christmas Concert on December 3 at Music Hall. The OWLS are sponsoring a trip to the 10:30 a.m. concert (leave Messiah at 9:30). Tickets are \$24 (\$4 discount) for 3rd row seats! Just sign the poster in the narthex to be included.



Music for our traditional services is in full swing. This includes choir, handbells, children, and soloists. As always, we welcome the participation of all ages and levels of experience.

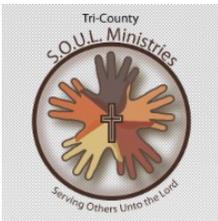
Choir will sing on:

- Sunday, Nov. 3
- Saturday, Nov. 23
- Sunday, Dec. 8
- Wednesday, Dec. 11
- Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24

We rehearse on Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 in November. No rehearsal Nov. 27. In December, we will practice after the Wednesday Advent services.

Check the weekly bulletin and e-news for information about handbells and other music or contact **Cathy Carson** at 513-824-1241 or cathycarson82@gmail.com.

Please consider how God might use your talents in serving at Messiah. Blessings!



Tri-County SOUL Ministries: Be an Angel for someone this Christmas. We are asking for cash donations to help our Christian Caring Center Families with rent, water bill, Duke bill, tires, dental bills, car repairs or what they might need to help them on the road to self-sufficiency. **Any amount is appreciated.** You may donate to Messiah and designate for Angel Wishes or donate directly to TCSM by giving a check or cash to **Bunny Doebling** or **Diane Stephens** (or leave in church office).



Come join Messiah Women in Mission LWML on Wednesday, November 13 at church at 6:30 pm to assemble college "finals week packages" for Messiah students!



FALL WORK DAY - THANK YOU

We had a great turnout of helpers for our Fall Work Day. Our church and grounds look great! Thank you for all your help: Gary Logsdon, Ken Schuesler, Jerry Rice, Darrell Stephens, Chris Berndt, Cherri Heron, Jim Worachek, Chuck Degenhardt, Barb Degenhardt, Holly Yeatts, and Shelley Rice. A special "thank you" to Marianne Reed for purchasing and planting the beautiful mums down by our Messiah sign.



On September 28, the area LWML had their fall retreat at Messiah. Pastor Stuckwisch opened the morning with a devotion and group songs. Thirty-five registrants in addition to Pastor Stuckwisch and Pastor Greene listened as Kaye Wolff led a discussion of unconscious bias and how it is manifested in all of us. The group spent some time working on servant events – writing note cards of encouragement to be given to individuals in nursing home and to veterans at the VA hospital and making fleece blankets for the Bridge Ministry.

Thank you to the members of Messiah who provided the lunch for the attendees. We received many compliments.





The **Progressive Dinner** will be **Saturday, December 7**. We don't have all of the details yet but probably will have a combined progressive dinner with Immanuel Lutheran in Avondale. They would have about 12 in attendance and combined with us, attendance will be around 40-50 people. We are looking at having it at two homes – **Kevin and Lora Budke** (from Messiah) and then **Gary and Nicole Dowdell** (from Immanuel). As details are worked out, they will be included in the weekly e-news.



Remember the
Federation Auxiliary Cookie Pack
at Christ Lutheran (3301 Compton Rd.)
on Monday, December 9 (beginning at 9:30am.)

Lots and lots of cookies needed – we pack boxes of cookies for many of the nursing homes and shut-ins through out the Cincinnati area. Last year we ran out of cookies before all our boxes were filled.

You can help in two ways.

- **Bake cookies!** Cookies (no nuts or fruit, except raisins) and cookies for diabetics are needed. Cookies may be left in Messiah's kitchen on December 8th. We will take them over to Christ Lutheran.
- The second way to help is to join us at the cookie pack at 9:30 am. Many hands are needed to pack the boxes.



***...his mercies never come
to an end; they are new
every morning; great
is your faithfulness.***

Lamentations 3:22-23, NRSV

Trunk or Treat was a success even if we had to hold it indoors due to a rainy night. Everyone had a good time. Thank you to all who helped make the evening a fun time.







November 2019



- 2 Heather Walter
- 5 Joanne Ash
- 5 Scott Silver
- 5 Marsha Wingo
- 6 Katie Michael
- 8 Harold Roppel
- 10 Linda Perrmann
- 13 Darrel Doran
- 15 Karen Berndt
- 15 Owen Magill
- 16 Randy Gross
- 17 Jean Floyd
- 17 Pete Grothe
- 20 Laura Priebe
- 21 John Michael
- 22 April Gottula
- 23 Cameron Kennedy
- 23 Ted McCammon
- 27 Ruth Schobert
- 29 Michael Welage
- 30 Amy Liebat



- 7 Scott and Susan Silver
- 17 Pete and Susan Grothe
- 22 Rick and Sandy Walter
- 27 Greg and Marilyn McEneny



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers

The following families have signed up for November:
Rice

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**



PHILIPPIANS 4:8, NIV

WHATEVER IS

pure

WHATEVER IS

lovely

WHATEVER IS

admirable

if anything is

excellent or *praise-worthy*

think about such things.

**Messenger Deadline for the December
issue is**

November 15.

Send articles to messenger@MessiahGRH.org

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saints' Day	2 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 11:30am Free Hot Dog Lunch 5:30pm Traditional Communion Worship Service
3 All Saints' Sunday Daylight Savings End 8:30am Traditional Communion Worship Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Communion Service	4  Veterans Day	5 7:30pm Band and Vocals  ELECTION DAY	6 10:15am Ladies' Bible Study 7:15pm Choir practice	7	8	9 7:30am Elders Meeting 8:30am Leadership Board Meeting 5:30pm Traditional Worship Service
10 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service	11	12 7:30pm Band and Vocals	13 10:15am Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm LWML pack college bags 7:15pm Choir practice	14	15	16 5:30pm Traditional Worship Service
17 Voters/ Meeting 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Communion Worship Service 11:15am Voters' Meeting Lunch 11:45am Voters' Meeting 2:30 pm Book Club	18 Ladies' Bridge	19 11:30am OWLS 7:30pm Band and Vocals	20 10:15am Ladies' Bible Study 7:15pm Choir practice	21	22	23 5:30pm Traditional Communion Worship Service
24  Christ the King Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service	25	26 7:30pm Band and Vocals	27 7:00pm  Thanksgiving Eve Worship	28  THANKSGIVING Day	29	30 5:30pm Traditional Communion Worship Service