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From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well summer is here. Teachers and students look forward to summer so that they can take a break from school before it starts up again the end of August. This past year has been incredibly stressful being in the midst of Covid19 and everything associated with it. It will be nice to be able to get back to doing things that we had been able to do prior to this recent pandemic. Summer is also an opportunity to spend some quality and quantity time with family and friends enjoying various summer activities. It will be nice to be able to do some of these things again. God has truly blessed us with the various relationships that we have.

I am really excited about experiencing Messiah Lutheran's Vacation Bible School later in the month of June. I have heard some wonderful things about the program and how so many of our members involve themselves with our Vacation Bible School. Of course the greatest thing about Vacation Bible School is the children who come to our church property to hear about the love of Jesus told to them through the Bible stories that we share and see the love of Jesus conveyed through our actions.

Summer always brings about different activities for our families and for our church family. That being said please make sure worship and Bible Study remain a weekly activity for you and your family. Many times we will be out of town vacationing or visiting family and friends. I have found that to be a wonderful opportunity to visit churches in other cities. It is refreshing to see what is happening in other Lutheran congregations around our country. Feel free to share with me bulletins from these other congregations. When in town please keep worship and Bible Study a priority. God strengthens us through Word and Sacrament. Life is full of struggles that come from various sources. It is good to have our faith strengthened on a continuous basis to help us fight the spiritual forces that are around us.

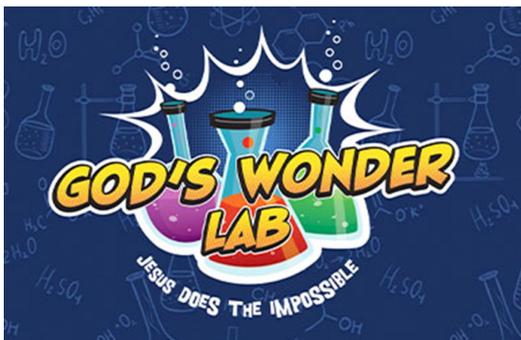
God bless you and your family as we continue on blessed by God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' name we pray this.

Pastor Allen Stuckwisch



June 14th—18th



Upcoming Events

June 6 Matinee Movie
June 9 Prince of Peace Dinner
June 14-18 Vacation Bible School
June 20 Father's Day
June 24-27 LWML National
Convention in Lexington, KY

From the Elders

Ephesians 6:10-18

Many are knowledgeable about the verses in Ephesians that discuss being strong in the Lord and putting on the armor of God! Sometimes we think of eternal things in the future when we consider spiritual things. But we need to remember that hope is in the present time! God has already provided us with what we need for spiritual battles. He commands us to be strong in Him. Human effort is inadequate in standing up to the evil one, but God's power is invincible! Putting on and wearing the full armor of God allows us to STAND!

John 10:10 calls Satan a thief, whose job is to steal, kill and destroy. Satan never shows mercy! He is going to do this in every person's life. Sometimes it is in the minor areas of our life and at other times it is in the major areas. He wants us to stop trusting God, argue with fellow believers, to believe he does not exist. Satan knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows and targets our weaknesses and when we are at our weakest.

Stand firm in the evil day! Standing firm is a phrase that means to "hold your ground". The "evil days" are today, tomorrow, and anytime between now and when Jesus returns. It could be a season you are going through now, such as the COVID crisis that has been around for what seems like an eternity. Whatever we are going through today, God already has us and the situation. He has also given us the armor to wear every day, so we can stand where we are and not stumble. Sometimes God wants us to move forward and take more ground, and sometimes He knows it is going to be hard enough just to stand. He knows this and He never forgets or leaves us! The bottom line is to stand tall and be strong in the Lord!

The Elders

John Hiler, Randy Gross, Steve Horner, John Michael, Rich Rutz

NARTHEX COFFEE RETURNING

Coffee is returning to the narthex the second Sunday this month. Prayerfully consider helping out by volunteering to make coffee before the 8:15 am service, providing snacks or cleaning coffee pots and snacks after the 10:45 am service. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the narthex.

Contact **Sharon Schuesler** at (513) 324-0349 with any questions.

Thank you for helping.



Rummage Sale
in Messiah's
Fellowship Hall
June 4th and 5th
(Please bring
donated items by
Wednesday June 2)
Lots of treasures,
very low price.





From the Congregation President

With our last snowfall only around a month or so ago, it feels like that in no time we have gone from winter to summer with a chorus of cicadas to greet us with their own joyful noise! As always, there are many things going on at Messiah as we work to actively demonstrate Christ's love to each other and our world. I wanted to draw your attention to a few highlights summarized below:

May Voters' Assembly – A few highlights from our annual May Voters' Assembly, held on May 23rd, I wanted to report. The Voters' Assembly approved the Constitution and By-Laws change recommendations from the Elders allowing women to serve in the role of Elder and making the Elder Chairman a voting member of Leadership Board. In addition, the assembly approved a motion to reduce the number of annual Voters' Assembly meetings from four meetings to two. This By-Laws change was in response to the congregational survey on meetings conducted late last year. Going forward, we will be holding Voters' Assembly meetings in May and November. I want to thank everyone for their input and constructive discussion during the meeting.

Facility Repairs and Improvements – As also discussed at the Voters' Assembly, some repairs and upgrades are needed to our facilities (specifically the fellowship hall and the parking lot). These upgrades will be implemented this summer and fall. For the fellowship hall, we will be addressing the floor settlement issues by slab-jacking the floor (like what was done in 1995). In addition, the floor tile and adhesive has been found to contain asbestos, so we also intend to remove and replace this flooring prior to the slab-jacking effort. We will be scheduling this work for August. In addition to this, our parking lot is also in need of repairs (primarily addressing subsurface drainage and resurfacing). We will be evaluating the best approach for these parking lot repairs/upgrades with the intent of completing this fall.

The Return of In-Person Activities – As more and more of our membership becomes vaccinated, we continue to resume in-person activities and lift some of the restrictions that have been in place over this last year. The staff and leadership ask for your patience and grace as we work through this process (we understand perhaps too soon for some and not soon enough for others). Coffee and snacks between Sunday services will be resuming in June (woohoo!). Dinner Club has also resumed in May, and we also have planned in-person fellowship activities for June and July. The June activity will be a movie on June 6th at the AMC Theaters in West Chester. For July, we are planning a bonfire at the Wolford residence on Saturday, July 24th. Stay tuned for more details regarding these upcoming events!

Thank you for your trust and support, and I invite you to reach out at any time and share any thoughts or ideas you may have. In the future, I will be reporting on current volunteer needs and the move to form a committee to look at future staffing needs/opportunities. I also request that you continue to pray for our Pastor and leadership.

Blessings,
John Priebe





Book Club: We will meet via Zoom. Our book for June is “The Rosie Project” by **Graeme Simon**. It is about a professor of genetics at a college, who decides he is done with dating and he wants to find a wife in a rather unique way. This is a fun read and there are extra copies in the church office. The discussion will take place on June 27 at 2:30 p.m. Let **Bunny Doebling** (543-0295) know if you’d like to be included in the discussion.



Tri-County SOUL Ministries – It’s time to think about school supplies.

- We are collecting during the months of June and July.
- The students will receive school supplies during August. Hopefully all will be back in school full-time this year!
- Just leave supplies in the basket in the outer narthex or give a check to buy supplies. You may include in your Messiah donation (memo School Supplies for SOUL) or give directly to Tri-County SOUL Ministries, 11177 Springfield Pk, 45246.



Many thanks to everyone who shared their talents for our musical offerings in May. It was a special blessing to have many of our children and youth participate!

Throughout the summer, I will continue to plan special music for all of our traditional services. Please let me know if you would like to sing or play an instrument for our services. I can help you pick music, if you would like. We will be adding a bell choir soon, as well as more young musicians. Please contact **Cathy Carson** with any questions. 513-824-1241 or cathycarson82@gmail.com



Outreach Report

A few activities to report as we wait for more COVID restrictions to be lifted:

- May 3rd a Taco salad lunch was served to all 5 ladies of the preschool. Everyone was very appreciative.
- June 9th is the next Prince of Peace Meal and will most likely be carry out. We expect to serve about 40 people but this might change with new masking recommendations. Sign up poster on bulletin board to donate for the dinner.
- We continue to provide To-Go Bags for Prince of Peace Sunday morning Breakfasts. **Holly Yeats and Joan Rieger** have donated \$250 Thrivent Action Team Cards for future packing of To-Go Bags
- Jim continues to volunteer at Meals on Wheels 2 days a week to box meals for distribution and also as a substitute driver delivering meals to shut-ins.
- VBS is June 14 -18 9am-12pm each day. Sign up poster in the narthex for snacks and supplies needed.
- Friday June 18th at noon a VBS closing cookout lunch.

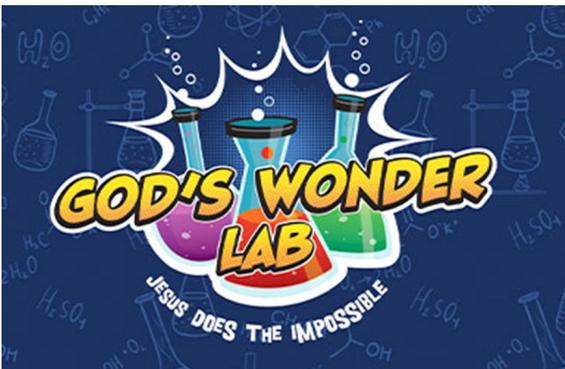
2021 Outreach Calendar

Jun 9	Prince of Peace Dinner
Jun 14-18	VBS
TBD	Prince of Peace Summer Cookout
Sept 8	Prince of Peace Dinner
Oct 10	Greenhills Harvest Fest
Oct 30	Messiah Oktoberfest Community Meal
Nov 17	Prince of Peace Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec 5	Greenhills Let It Snow Festival
Dec 8	Prince of Peace Dinner



Movie Matinee

On June 6th at 3:00 PM we will have a private **AMC Theater West Chester** showing of **The Croods: A New Age**. The cost will be \$5.00/person paid to Jean Floyd and we are limited to 20 people due to Covid restrictions. Please RSVP to **Jean Floyd** by email (jkf3600@gmail.com), text at 513-604-9735, or in person by 12:00PM, June 6th. Masks will be required when you enter and seating will be 6 feet apart. We will meet just inside the theater and go into the theater together. Hope to see you there.



VBS is this month! Our theme is God's Wonder Lab".



We will meet in person from 9-12, June 14-18.

Register at: myvbs.org/messiahgrh.

This is for children and volunteers.



Please sign poster in the narthex for snack items.



If you can help one or all five days, you will help show our children that "Jesus does the impossible". If you have questions,

please contact Pastor Stuckwisch or Cathy Carson.

In January 2021, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman presented her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the presidential inauguration. The final lines read: **"For there is always light, / if only we're brave enough to see it. / If only we're brave enough to be it."**

How often we long for light! In recent years we've agonized amid pandemic, angry politics and new awareness of racism. Some have suffered deep sorrow. But Jesus says, **"I am the light of the world"** (John 8:12) and invites us to turn to him. God is always bringing light into darkness, through helpers, healers, peacemakers, friends. Sometimes bravery is required to turn our focus from the negative to the positive – to see the light of God.

Jesus also says, **"You are the light of the world"** (Matthew 5:14) and calls us to brighten the gloom. That requires bravery, as Gorman notes, but as Christians we're urged to look for light not just to make our own lives better but to shine into others' lives too. The Holy Spirit gives us the needed courage – to both see and *be* light.



Mitchell Bow

Loveland High School
 University of Cincinnati Blue Ash where he will major in Business Technology Management. His plans include starting, developing and running his own business

Bianca Horner

Winton Woods High School
 She plans on attending Fortis College

Nick Michael

Walnut Hills High School
 Wright State where he will major in Electrical Engineering

Oria Daugherty

College of Wooster-BS in Biology. Emphasis on Environment. Minor in Spanish.
 Her immediate plans include a 3 month long job doing environmental work for Rhinegest and starting her Master's Degree on-line with the University of Colorado.

Carolyn Priebe

Hope College with a BS in Psychology
 She will be working in Holland, Michigan at her previous internships.

... DO NOT LET WISDOM
 AND UNDERSTANDING
 OUT OF YOUR SIGHT,
 PRESERVE SOUND
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PROVERBS 3:21-22, NIV



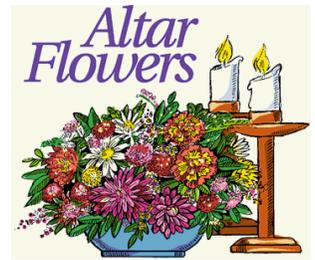


JUNE 2021

- 5 Faith Horner
- 5 Tammie Schuesler
- 6 Rebecca Inman
- 6 Wendy Kessler
- 6 David Osterday
- 8 Shawn Horner
- 9 Beth Reupert
- 12 Chris Berndt
- 13 Jennifer McGuire
- 15 Barb Rottinghaus
- 16 Logan Kenyon
- 17 Kay McGuire
- 17 Rick Walter
- 18 Mary Clare McCammon
- 19 Bill Nolan
- 21 Richard Smith
- 22 Thomas Mayer
- 30 Poppy Magill
- 30 Vince Welage



- 5 Richard and Marjorie Smith
- 7 Ken and Jennifer McGuire
- 9 Mark and Sharon Schmetzer
- 13 Chuck and Barb Degenhardt
- 13 John and Laura Priebe
- 13 Pastor Allen and De Stuckwisch
- 13 Chris and Karyn Todd
- 16 Kevin and Carole Baldwin
- 19 Shawn and Coral Horner
- 24 Dia and Joan Ramahi
- 30 Phil and Jane Dumke



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers

The following families have signed up for June:

Dumke, Friedrich/Lipps, Rice, Degenhardt, Schultz, Rutz

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

MY GUIDE

I shall take my precious Bible
 As my guide throughout the year.
 For to follow in its precepts
 Is to know my Lord is near.
 Just to walk each day with Jesus,
 Then my joys shall never cease;
 Life will have a worthy purpose,
 This will give me lasting peace.
 Though to me each day uncertain,
 I will hold my Master's hand
 He will lead His child homeward,
 To the heavenly promised land.

From the writings of Miner Tanis

**Messenger Deadline for the July
 issue is
 June 15.**

Send articles to clherron1@gmail.com

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30pm Band and Vocals	2 10:15am Ladies' Bible Study	3	4	5 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 5:30pm Traditional Communion Worship Service
6 8:30am Traditional Communion Worship Service 9:30am Education Hour for all 10:45am Contemporary Communion Service 3:00pm Family movie activity	7	8 7:30pm Band and Vocals	9 10:15am Ladies' Bible Study 5:00pm Prince of Peace Dinner	10	11	12 7:30am Elders Meeting 8:30am Leadership Board Meeting 5:30pm Traditional Worship Service
13 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:30am Education Hour for all 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service	14	15	16	17	18	19 5:30pm Traditional Communion Worship Service
Vacation Bible School						
		7:30pm Band and Vocals			NOON :Vacation Bible School picnic lunch	
20 Father's Day 8:30am Traditional Communion Worship Service 9:30am Education Hour for all 10:45am Contemporary Communion Service	21	22 7:30pm Band and Vocals	23 10:15am Ladies' Bible Study	24	25	26 5:30pm Traditional Worship Service
27 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:30am Education Hour for all 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service 2L30pm Book Club	28	29 7:30pm Band and Vocals	30 10:15am Ladies' Bible Study			

THREE INTERWOVEN CIRCLES—Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity's eternal nature. The circles' interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.

