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From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These are exciting times here at Messiah. The month of June ended with a successful Vacation Bible School. Our theme for this year was Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness. We were able to follow the events in Joseph from being sold into slavery, to being put in prison, to be second in command over Egypt, and finally being reconciled with his brothers. In looking at the life of Joseph we can see how Our God is an Awesome God – especially through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we begin July, we have some of our youth and adults going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. The theme for the gathering is "In All Things." The gathering will provide thousands of youths and adults who come together as a community of God's people the opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith, and their Lutheran identity. This is the largest group from Messiah we have had for many years. I am excited having some of our youth and adults experience one of our amazing Youth Gatherings.



After the gathering we will share with the congregation some of the countless experiences we had: our travels, Bible Studies, group sessions, experiential opportunities, and other experiences.

Later this year many things will be taking place. We have a Singles Ministry event Saturday, September 10; a LWML zone rally on Saturday, October 1; and a woman's auxiliary event Wednesday, October 12.

One thing that I am really excited about is our congregation going through what is known as "Ministry Clarity." More information will be coming on this, but it will give our congregation an opportunity to talk about goals and ministries for the future. We need to continue to examine what God desires of us individually and as a congregation as we seek to fulfill our mission of "Living Jesus, Sharing Jesus, in our community and world." We also continue to examine how we are "Joining Jesus on His Mission."

Throughout VBS whenever the leader made an affirming statement regarding God and His love for us the kids responded, "Awesome God." We have truly seen the awesomeness of God here at Messiah. He has been with us in the past and will continue to be with us as we move into the future.

God's blessings to you and your family,

Pastor Allen Stuckwisch

**Our God
Is an awesome God he reigns
From heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
our God is an awesome**

Upcoming Events

July 9-13 National Youth Gathering
July 20 Prince of Peace Cookout Dinner
July 29 Red's Baseball Game
Aug 21 "Grueling Glory" Book Club and Lunch w/Author
Sept 10 Singles Ministry event
Sept 10 Congregational Picnic at the Wolford's
Sept 21 Prince of Peace Dinner
Oct 1 LWML Fall Retreat at Messiah
Oct 12 Federation Auxiliary Fidget Mat Workshop at Messiah
Oct 22 Messiah Oktoberfest Community Meal
Oct 26 Prince of Peace Dinner (new)
Nov 16 Prince of Peace Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec 14 Prince of Peace Dinner



VBS 2022
More pictures on page 5 and 7 .



From the Elders

We hope that each of you was blessed to remember your father this past month. Hopefully it can give us pause to be thankful for the parents with whom we have been blessed, as well as others who God has placed in our lives giving us spiritual guidance.

Paul writes in Eph. 6:4 ***“Do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”*** (Don't ask my sons if they ever found me exasperating!) Okay, marginal notes in my study Bible may let me off the hook, saying “Fathers must surrender any right they may feel they have to act unreasonably toward their children.” But, bringing them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. How do we do that, and how do we get better at it? Maybe by being sure that each of us has our personal Christian meditation or reading. Perhaps start with Portals of Prayer. Admit it: each of us needs spiritual nourishment.

I'm truly happy to see the young people in our congregation, and pray that our outreach to friends brings more to know Jesus and share the joy with us. That's our reason for being, not simply to grow as a congregational family, but to share the knowledge of and faith in Christ with others. It can be seen as starting in the family, and from there, reaching out to others. We want that to be true of us and our lives!

The Elders



I know that many of you have very busy schedules during these crazy summer months. As many in our congregation are travelling, deep into work responsibilities, or busy with family events, I have been using these Messenger articles during the summary to bring our members and friends up to date on some of the many happenings at Messiah. A summary of a few of the key items is below:

- **Website Improvements** – Our Leadership Board has received some feedback that our church website is not very user-friendly, especially when viewing from a phone. The print is small and hard to read on phones, and the website is not very accommodating to visitors who are looking for a church on their phone (which includes most under 40). Brian Pilsner (our Webmaster) has spent many hours looking into the technology and capabilities of our current platform, and has come up with a few options for us. These options were presented at the June Leadership Board meeting. As I write this article, we are currently doing a test of one of these options. The option we are testing is significantly improved when viewing on phones, with limited reduction in usability when viewing from a desktop and laptop. When we make our final decision, I am looking forward to the improvements and am thankful to Brian for his work and leadership on this issue. Please see any of the Elders or Leadership Board members if you have input on our website.
- **Summer Fellowship Event at the Wolford's** - I think everyone who attended had a great time at the Mortgage Burning Event at the Wolford's last August. We decided to do a similar event this year, this time after Saturday church on September 10th. In concept, we will have a picnic meal and bonfire, with games and fun for all. Please mark your calendars!
- **Ministry Clarity Program** –We are currently in the planning process, with the first visit for Pastor Tom scheduled for July 18th. This event will involve Pastor Tom meeting with representatives from the Elders, Leadership Board and Pastor to gain more information on our congregation and community. After this, we will be convening a group of 8 to 10 which will serve as the core group organizing and implementing this effort. If you feel called to serve on this critical group, please see me or any members of Leadership Board. This is a great way to further our Mission and vision as we listen to God's leading as well as each other. The commitment for this effort will be approximately 6 months, and represents a great way to get involved without a several-year commitment as our elected positions typically require.

In the month of July, please also remember to pray for our youth as they attend the National Youth Gathering. It is a very exciting time for them and our congregation.

As always, the Leadership Board welcomes your feedback and suggestions.

Blessings,

John Priebe



Serving another Wednesday dinner at Prince of Peace Church. We served about 70 meals. The best turn out in quite awhile,



Special thanks to **Tina Burge, Lynn Hiler, Holly Yates, Mark Walter, Sandy Walter and Jim Worachek** for being there to help serve the meal.

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed items to the **Ohio LWML Convention**.



Judy Stroeh

On June 17-18, Messiah was represented at the Ohio district LWML Convention by **De Stuckwisch, Judy Stroeh and Tina Burge**, voting on the Ministries that will receive grants from our mites for the next 2 years. Special thanks to Judy for serving our district for 4 years and as chairman the last 2 years on the Human Care Committee!

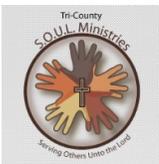


Book Club will meet on July 31 at the home of **Bev Roppel**, 255 Cody Ct, Fairfield at 2:30 p.m. to discuss *Ever Faithful: A vintage National Parks Novel* by **Karen Barnett**. **Laura Priebe** discovered this gem when visiting Yellowstone. Taking place in Yellowstone, telling the story of a young man who signs up for the Civilian Conservation Corps to change his life. Come and join us for a lively discussion!

OWLS



OWLS – On July 19th at 12:30 p.m. we are in for a real treat – a visit to the Rose Parade through the eyes of a designer, builder and finally a judge. **Tom Bowling** was a local florist when he was tapped to do all of the above. Don't miss this one! Come for dessert (provided) and bring a friend.

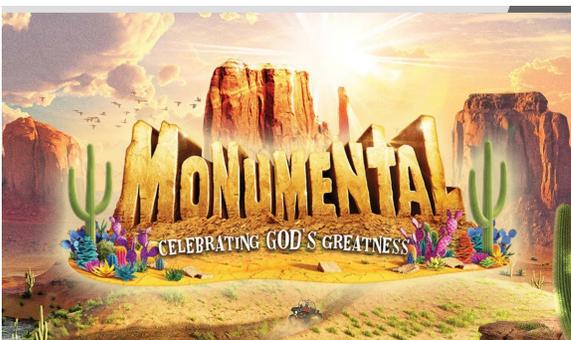


Tri-County Soul Ministries –

- Thanks to all who donated to the **Simply Give Program** at Meijer.
- In July, we are concentrating on school supplies. We can use about anything except pencils, or pocket folders. You can also give \$ to defray the cost of buying back packs. Thanks in advance!



Special music continues for every traditional service throughout the summer. If you would like to sing or play an instrument, sign up in the narthex or contact **Cathy Carson** at 513-824-1241 or cathycarson82@gmail.com. Thank you to everyone who shared their talents during the month of June.



Vacation Bible School

Our VBS was a monumental success. Our daily attendance was 35-40. We had as many as 14 preschoolers in attendance! Many thanks to the more than 35 volunteers who made this happen. Check out the bulletin board for pictures. A slide show is also available. Pictures in this issue on pages 2 and 7



There will be a IN PERSON Fall Retreat, and it is being planned for October 1, 2022! The Co-Chairmen will be Liz Underwood (St. Mark's Lutheran) joined by Peggy Kelm (Christ Lutheran). They have a lot of work ahead to plan a theme, invite a speaker, check locations, have an In-gathering, and plan an "80 Something" event, and then let you know! Your suggestions are welcomed now



Coming October 12: **The Fidget Mat Event!** Messiah will host an open event for **all Federation women** to participate in a **hands-on mission event** on **Wednesday, October 12, 10 a.m.** We will learn how to construct Fidget Mats. These placemat to lap-size units (quilt-style shown in picture) are embellished with sensory stimulating items that prove engaging to Alzheimer's, memory care and autistic patients. Our focus will be Cincinnati area Alzheimer and memory care centers.

Leading up to the event, here is a list of household items that you might consider contributing to the effort: Placemats (sturdy and plain); Quilt squares: 5" (set 3 down x 4 across = approx. 15" x 20"); Quilt squares: 6" (set 2 down x 3 across = approx. 12" x 18"). Sturdy material that is non-shrinking when washed with texture is best (i.e., not flannels, etc.).

If you are a quilt maker, leftover binding from quilts or jelly roll strips, batting, or fleece (Small pieces leftover from projects). Other supplies needed for the embellishments include Trims (elastic, Velcro, braids, bias tape, tassels, rick rack, ribbon, yarn, lace, ruffling, cording, etc.) and Novelties (buttons of all kinds, bells, keys, buckles, carabiners, purse accessories, hair elastics, pom-poms, appliqués, beads of all kinds, old jewelry, D-rings, alphabet beads, zippers, etc.).



Friday grilled lunch as the closing of the 2022 VBS week. Lunch was served to about 80 people.. Great way to finish off a fun week at Messiah.



Rummage Sale Pictures



Another successful rummage sale! Thanks to the ladies who volunteered for set up: Lora Budke, April Gottula, Lori Krohn (Bunny's cousin), Bev Roppel, and Holly Yeatts. Those who helped with the sale: Amira, Norah & Joan Ramahi, Cathy Carson, Holly Yeatts, Lora Budke, Melinda & Kacie Kenyon and Diane Magill. Those who helped with the clean-up: Pat Magill, Rich, Megan & Lauren Rutz, Mary Clare McCammon and, of course, Pastor Stuckwisch who was there for it all! We made about \$850, with a few more things to be sold.



Oxygen for ministry

Flight attendants instruct airplane passengers that if oxygen masks are needed, we should secure our own before assisting someone else. Why? If we aren't getting enough oxygen ourselves, we can't help another person for long.

The Holy Spirit empowers Christians for ministry — the work of loving and caring for our neighbors and God's creation. But if we aren't Spirit-fueled on an ongoing basis, we will soon lack capacity to serve. This may manifest as burnout, cynicism, exhaustion or even lack of faith. So how to ensure we're breathing in the Spirit's energy and guidance instead of poor-quality "air"?

By taking part in corporate worship regularly, immersing ourselves in the Scriptures (devotional reading and Bible study), praying "continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NIV) and spending time with Christian friends and mentors. Opening ourselves to the Spirit in these ways allows the Breath of God to flow into us, which in turn empowers us to reach out to others in love.

Vacation Bible School





Hello Messiah Lutheran Church! I have been remiss about getting articles into your newsletter. I apologize! We had a very busy, but fun year at the Greenhills Cooperative Preschool. We started the school year with a BRAND NEW Teacher, Ms. Madison Dees. She had just graduated with an Early Childhood degree and was looking for a part time position... The fun thing about hiring Maddie was that both Mrs. Curry and myself had been Maddie's teachers when she attended Preschool!! It was delightful to get to work with her this year!! (even though she has a hard time calling us Jan and Kathy)

We ended the school year on another new note... Mrs. Curry retired after teaching with us for 30 years and Mrs. W. (Tina Wuorinen) retired after a 14 year job as a wonderful Nurse/Aide for us!! It is very sad to see them move on in their lives, but we all wish them the best in their new adventures that await them!

In between those two big events we had a fun year getting to know and love 27 students and their families. We still are not "back to normal" due to lingering COVID issues, but we have found ways to work around recommendations from the CDC and Job and Family services to still have fun and to keep our families as safe as possible. We ended up canceling some of our fun family activities that bring the whole school together, but we found other ways to be able to get some large group times together. We turned our year end picnic at Winton Woods into a picnic along with our Talent Show (that we used to do in January as a Potluck Dinner) It worked out wonderfully!! And, we are finding out that we enjoy some of our new ways of doing some of our activities and that the families are fine with them also! Change can be a good thing sometimes!

Our coming year at the Co-op will find us with fewer children and only two classes instead of three,, but we are excited that enough families are wanting to have an extra class day each week. We are starting what we are calling an "enrichment day" for the families that want an extra day. Mondays will be the enrichment day for any child's family that wants a mixed age class day. Our other two classes that we are offering is a Tuesday-Thursday 3's, young 4's class and a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4, young 5's class. Currently we have openings in both of our traditional classes, so if you have children, Grands or neighbors that might be interested in what we offer, please let them know about us.

We are still amazed with our beautiful setting and all of the kindness that you folks at Messiah have offered us. We ended our fourth year here at your facility and we love it more each year!

Thank you for being such a loving Church!

Jan Johnson, administrator



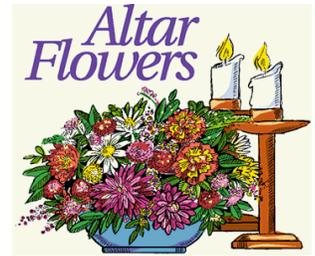


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- 4 Mitchell Bow
- 7 Carol Morison
- 8 Chris Wunnenberg
- 10 Dennis Lopez
- 12 Tom Mueller
- 12 Leslie Schultz
- 14 Dorothy Meyer
- 14 Jennifer Pilsner
- 14 Patrick Kenyon
- 16 Steve Bow
- 16 Andrew Hopper
- 18 Dustin Streib
- 19 Don Rottinghaus
- 19 Nancy Green
- 20 Lois Harrison
- 21 Chuck Degenhardt
- 22 Walker Gardner
- 23 Joshua Priebe
- 25 Claudia Bow
- 31 Lois Braun
- 31 Lisa Mueller



- 4 Philip & Meaghan Harrison
- 5 Ed & Julie Mayer
- 6 Wayne & Bunny Doebing
- 6 Don & Barb Rottinghaus
- 8 Steve & Debbie Horner
- 10 Joe & Jennie Edelstein
- 12 Ted & Mary Clare McCammon
- 15 Jim & Sue Worachek
- 16 Mel & Ruth Schobert
- 23 Tim & Stefanie Inman
- 30 David & Sara Daugherty
- 31 Bob & Karen Ditz



Altar Flowers

The following families have signed up for July:
Staab, Rice, Hiler, Dumke, Degenhardt

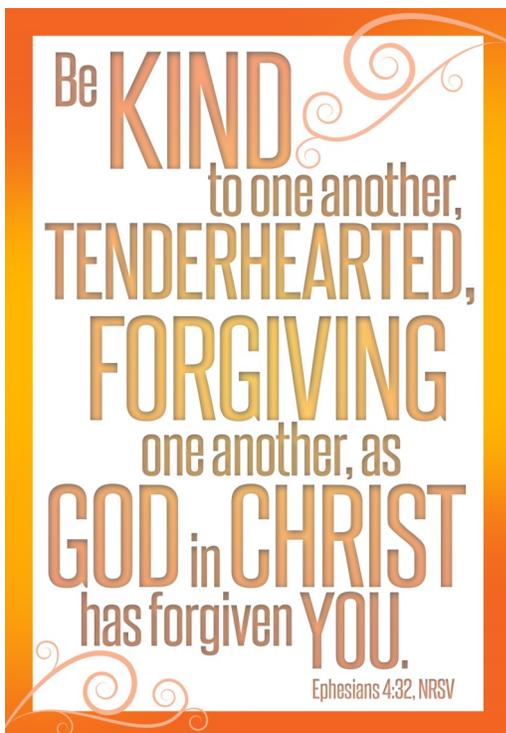
Please remit your payment of **\$35** to

"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 August issue is July 15.
 Send articles to clherron1@gmail.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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