

The

MESSENGER

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The official monthly newsletter of Messiah Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Southern Ohio Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Mother's Day

²⁸ *Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he
praises her:*

Proverbs 31:28

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Sanctuary Renewal Campaign

This winter Paige and I had to update our finished basement. It was twenty years old, had survived the teenage years of our three kids and showing its age. Plus, some dampness and cats had added their own peculiar smells. It cost about \$5000 but this is what homeowners have to do.

Our sanctuary is beginning to show its age. The carpet is ripped up, the pews squeak, the temperature is unreliable, instruments cover the floor of the sanctuary and wires and speakers the chancel/stage. When a visitor walks into our beautiful Welcome Center they get one vision of our congregation. When they walk into our sanctuary, they get another. As a congregation, we decided it was time to bring those two visions together. It was a time to remodel our sanctuary, because it is what homeowners do.

In December 2013, at our congregational meeting, we voted approving the concept that will shape the remodeling of our sanctuary in 2014/2015. The plan calls for making better use of our chancel to accommodate the addition of instruments into this space, organ, grand piano, drums, bells, choirs and electric piano. It directs us to move forward our altar so that sharing the meal, central to our worship now in a way it was not in 1967, is more intimate and relational. It repairs, upholsters, refinishes and repositions our pews so that when we worship we will be focused on the cross and the altar. It adds light to our sanctuary. It will improve our heating and cooling. It will give space for parents to soothe their children while still engaging in worship. It refreshes the decor with new carpeting and accents. It gives more space for storage. It allows people with disabilities full access. It improves our sound and video system. Most of all it is flexible, with nearly every piece of furniture being able to be moved to allow different events and worship festivals to occur. It is a good plan, representative of the hard work of a team of twelve and the input of many.

Since February, a small group of people, Glenn Harris, Phyllis Sneed, Pat Speakman and Brent Yekisa have been preparing a May campaign to raise money for this \$375,000 project. My greatest hope is that all of you will engage in the campaign. Please sign up for a house meeting, attend the four worship services in May that will include temple talks about the project, prayerfully consider what sacrifice you can make to remodel our sanctuary for the next fifty years of worship and come on June 8, Pentecost Sunday to a single service that will be a joyful celebration of the power of the Spirit in this place. No one person can accomplish this, but together, our nearly 400 active families and individuals can accomplish just about anything.

Peace,

Pastor Karl

Messiah Spring Clean Up

Messiah's Landscaping Committee is planning a spring clean-up of the grounds around the church and the Parsonage on Saturday, May 17 starting at 9:00am. Volunteers are needed to help spread mulch, pull weeds and plant flowers. We are normally finished by noon, but you are welcome and appreciated if you can come and help for an hour or less. If you have them, please bring garden tools - rakes, hoes, wheel barrows, etc. Please call or email Geoff Campbell if you can help (614-563-8978 or gcampbe10@att.net).



Get a tan - Messiah's Landscape Committee needs volunteers for our lawn mowing crew. Hopefully, we will have enough volunteers so that each person will only have to mow three or four times during the warm weather grass growing season, mid-April through October. If the response is really good, we can schedule two mowers at once to reduce the time commitment. We have riding lawn mowers, so you don't have to walk and push a mower. If you are able to volunteer for this service, please contact Glenn Harris at 614-226-5517.



May 4th Confirmation

Our 8th graders are celebrating their affirmation of baptism at our 9:30 service May 4th. The youth have had a great year learning about the Lord's prayer, the Apostle's Creed, the 10 commandments, the sacraments, and hopefully many more things. We had a few great overnights and fellowship activities. At the service, the 8th graders will share a couple of sentences from their personal creed and will affirm their faith. Those affirming their faith are: Haley Hodge, Marissa Hoffman-Ulmer, Stephen Jones, Leighlyn McClain, Hunter Mills, Lucy Rubel, Emily Snedegar, Jake Tandy, Drake VanKirk, Allison Vanover and Makayla Wissinger. This is an important stepping-stone in their faith walk. The continued support and encouragement from the congregation is a blessing to these young men and women.

Youth Mission Trip Meetings

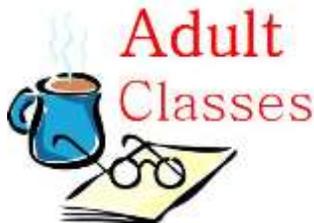
Confirmation Mission Trip informational meeting will be on May 18th after the 9:30 service. We will talk about what we are doing when we are in Philly, what you need to bring, and find out who is interested. The trip is July 14th – July 18th.

Our final High school mission trip meeting will be June 1st after the 9:30 service. After our initial meeting, we have almost 30 people that are interested in attending our trip to North Dakota from June 14th – June 21st. At the final meeting we will answer any last questions and let you know exactly what you need to bring. If you don't have the initial information sheet, talk to Pastor Thadd. You will not want to miss this incredible and life changing week!

Mulch Sale – Thank you to everyone for your mulch orders. It will be delivered **May 10**.

Messiah Golf Fellowship

Whether you are ready to go pro or just starting out, you will enjoy the Messiah Golf Fellowship. Weekly from May 18th through September, we put foursomes together for 9 holes of best ball scramble. The best part is that you can come to as many of the fellowship nights as you can make. You need make no commitment. We put together the groups that night. It is all great fun. Members *Mark and Karen McCarty*, who manage the beautiful Willow Run Golf Course in Pataskala, provide us with tee times and a great price, \$10 for 9 holes with cart. We will begin Sunday, **May 18 at 5:30 p.m.** Treat yourself on the Sabbath this year to a no pressure, enjoyable round of golf with old friends and make new ones from your church. C.J. Fosnaugh and Pastor Karl are leading the event. We would like to put together a contact list with your name and email address (or cell phone number). This will allow us to contact you if there is a rain delay or a special outing which might affect our start time. Please send your info to C.J. at cjfiii@columbus.rr.com.



The Psychology of Christ

Scripture provides amazing insights into Jesus' life. Come and join us as we delve into how Jesus thought, felt, and acted in the historical context of three different groups: the Messianic Jews, the Romans, and the Gentiles.

Psychology is the scientific discipline that studies mental processes and behavior in humans especially in a given context. Ben Kelch, a Messiah Member and an Affiliate Professor in the Department of Psychology and Counseling at Ohio Christian University, is going to do two part series entitled "The Psychology of Christ." The first class was April 30th and the next one is May 7th at Messiah Night.

The Resurrection of Christ in Matthew

Two opportunities to explore with Pastor Karl the unique way Matthew shares the resurrection stories of Jesus. Come to this in depth discussion on Wednesdays at 11:30am in May and Thursdays at 6:30am for Men's breakfast at Scrambler Maries.

9:30 am Adult SS Class

Join us throughout May each Sunday morning as we review the Pastoral Epistles as we prepare to review Revelation. The classes are led by Pastor Mac.

PowerPoint Team

The PowerPoint Team is looking for two additional members to operate the PowerPoint song lyrics presentations during 9:30 worship on Sunday mornings. Members of the team are placed into a rotation and serve approximately once per month. Responsible kids and teens welcome as well as adults. Training is available. Please contact Kerri Jutte at kmjutte@gmail.com or speak to one of the pastors for more information



LECTORS

May 4

- 8:00 Lois Beery
- 9:30 TBA
- 11:00 Jane Stephenson

May 11

- 8:00 Carok Kokai
- 9:30 Kathleen Sackett
- 11:00 Jeanette Kuder

May 18

- 8:00 Dianne Tredway
- 9:30 Stephanie Pickering
- 11:00 Glenda Kravig

May 25

- 8:00 Maddy McDaniel
- 9:30 Howard Jones
- 11:00 Susan Fryer

ACOLYTES

May 4

- 8:00 Emma Moore
- 11:00 Jovi Prater

May 11

- 8:00 Alex Sampson
- 11:00 Corbin Russ

May 18

- 8:00 Aiden Stought
- 11:00 Brian McClain

May 25

- 8:00 Raine Harris

11:00 Bryson Eckelberry

COMMUNION ASST'S

May 4

- 8:00 Ray Olson and Mike Cochran
- 9:30 Confirmation Class
- 11:00 Jim and Seth Diehm

May 11

- 8:00 Caryl Barrett and Dave Long
- 9:30 Chuck and Marie Cochran, Jim and Linda Cochran, Lori Gulling, Susan and Todd Mountain, Howard Jones, Pat Kurz

- 11:00 Linda Ickes and Jim Keeny

May 18

- 8:00 Barb Formentelli and Hal Scheiderer
- 9:30 Scott Barrett, Alexander and Yogi Jeffy, Melinda and Tom Marquart, Karen McCarty, Mary and Rob Sharrett

- 11:00 Glenda Kravig and Sue Jamison

May 25

- 8:00 Mac and Cheryl Kelly
- 9:30 Nichole and Marcus Peterson, Justine and Susan Franklin
- 11:00 Carol Keiber and Linda Sauter



TRADITIONAL USHERS

- 8:00 The Rabe Team
- 11:00 The Henschen Team

SOUND SYSTEM (8:00)

- May 4 Randy Wilson
- May 11 Andy Moore
- May 18 Bryan Kuhn
- May 25 Randy Wilson

SOUND SYSTEM (11:00)

- May 4 Gary Schmandt
- May 11 David Waite
- May 18 Gary Schmandt
- May 25 David Waite

May Altar Guild
Virginia Finney and
Jenni Wiseman

NURSERY NANNY
Amy Canan, Tina and Sarah
Kerr

Eternal Candle
Suzanne and Gary Schmandt

Refreshments for May

Date	8:00	9:30	11:00
May 4	Michelle Gaulke	Lisa Epperly	Marilyn Potter
May 11	Marge Seymour	Donna Short	Phyllis Sneed
May 18	Barb Formentelli	Kristin Vanover	Virginia Finney
May 25	Rose Dobberstein	Kerri Jutte	Alisa Limbers

GREETERS  SCHEDULE

Date	8:00	9:30	11:00
May 4	Carol Kokai and Helen Schonhardt	Stephanie Pickering and Becky Kirkwood	Marilyn Potter
May 11	Norma and Karl Schweikert	Bob and Carol Kohs	Ron Moder and Susan Fryer
May 18	Cheryl and Mac Kelly	Tom and Mindy Marquart	Steve and Tracy Schuricht
May 25	Sally Cochran and Ed Komraus	Matt and Cathy Satterwhite	Jack and Pat Speakman



Dear Heavenly Father,

On Sunday, the 4th of May we welcome into our church the confirmation class who has been studying your word and what it means. They were also taught what it means to be a member of the church. May they become faithful members of our family also.

The following Sunday we honor all past, present and expectant mothers. Our mothers were probably the first to teach us about you and sing about you and your love. We know you also had an earthly mother.

This is a busy month in that our youth will be busy studying as the end of school is approaching.

But before that dear Father, we thank you for all the present military. They keep our country free. We also thank you for all those who gave their lives for our country. Be with the wives and families who have lost a loved one. Then we ask you to care and heal those who have suffered an injury causing either physical or mental injuries.

With all of this, let us continue to be a “Loving God...Loving Each Other Congregation.”

Amen

Marabar Heights Garden Club is having a Plant Sale/Flower Show/& Bake Sale on Saturday, May 17th from 9AM to 2:00PM in our Fellowship Hall. Come one, come all, there is something for everyone. A great way to get your Spring gardening started. Any questions please give Pat Speakman a call at 614-866-8715. We hope to see a lot of our members here for the event. Thank you in advance.



- 1 Justine Franklin
Freddie Hessler
Mikey Kirkwood
Jeffrey Maass
- 2 Kaitlyn Barrett
- 3 Gavin Fullam
Tyler Jutte
- 4 Alexa Briseno
Ernie Underwood
- 5 Jason Mills
- 6 Amanda Childress
Cameron Childress
Jackson Childress
Lisa Evenson
Kaitlyn Majoy
Marylou Mansfield
Natalie Satterwhite
- 7 Ashley Cochran
Raine Harris
Ellie Lepley
- 8 Harold Thomas
- 9 Paul Sheridan
Justin Wiseman
- 10 Barb Formentelli
Rhonda Parson
- 11 Nathan Marik
Yar Sheriff
Adam Whitman
- 12 Matt Schmandt
David Waite
- 13 Stephen Jones
Brian Peters
Drake Vankirk
- 14 Chris Mattocks, Jr.
Nicholas Price
Erin Sauter
Bailey Tredway
Oliver Woltja
- 15 Tom Boardman
Tom Jones
Lucinda Thomas

- 16 Justin Corcoran
Jackie Fuller
Devin Hogan
Judy Long
- 17 Mia Pickering
Amy Klopfer-Thornton
- 18 Marcia Calos
Howard Jones
Nancy Mahoney
Kevin Rubel
- 19 Davina Chittenden
Patricia Horetski
Richard Jeffy
- 20 Aubrey Yekisa
- 22 Mary Wood
- 23 Joshua Bergstrom
Rose Dobberstein
Maria Schmidt
- 24 Leighlyn McClain
Janeen Smith-Hughes
Julie Teague
- 25 Skylar Hogan
Dorothy Kuhn
- 26 Joseph Clementz
Jason Izolt
Brian McClain
Chris Underwood
- 27 Emma Moore
- 28 Kim Gerhardt
Karen Mills
Taylor Short
- 29 Susanne Jamison
Brayden Matthews
Sydney Morris
Erni Orso
Beverly Prater
- 30 Jennifer Clementz
Sally Long
Rochelle Morrison
Alan Schmandt
- 31 Peter Jeffy
Noah Weber
Tamashe Wilson
Jennifer Wittler





KROGER REWARDS

SIGN UP TIME !!!

A GREAT WAY to show your appreciation and support for Messiah Music Ministries...

May 1st begins a new enrollment period. Let's do everything we can to remind ourselves and our friends at Messiah to either re-enroll or sign up for the first time for **FREE** Kroger Community Rewards money. If you are a Kroger shopper, **each time you use your Kroger PLUS card, Messiah receives 5% of your total!** This is a sizable amount of money that is remarkably easy to obtain. It is used for unexpected and/or non-budgeted items for our Messiah Music Ministries. In fact, the funds received from your efforts to sign up so far have earned close to \$2,500 per year! The more people who sign on, the more funds will come back to us.

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to re-enroll or sign up as a first time subscriber. Our Messiah Music Ministries **ID# is 81748**. Call Kay at 580-4791 if you need help to either re-enroll or enroll for the first time. It is a wonderful way of getting FREE money for Messiah's Music Ministry. Sign up today!

Whole Again – “Whole Again,” our group of friends who are learning about grief together, will meet for five weeks on five Messiah Nights (class time is 6:30 pm). The first class was April 30.

We will be reading and sharing the book: *The Tender Scar* by Richard L. Mabry. The books will be available in the Welcome Center in a white container.

Come join us as we learn, share, and become “Whole Again.”

Leaders are Lois Berry lmabeery@yahoo.com and Cindy Owens ckowens@yahoo.com.



We are looking for volunteers to bring in Sunday Morning Refreshments. The sign-up sheet is located in the welcome center. Thank you for making this fellowship ministry ongoing and inviting!

Synod Convention – We need one more delegate for our Southern Ohio Synod Convention that will be held June 7 in Springfield, Ohio. We will carpool that morning. Please let Pastor Karl know if you are able to attend (pastorkarl@messiahlutheran.net).

Joseph's Coat News



Joseph's Coat is successfully serving more and more people each week. Our clients get the clothing, shoes, household goods, and furniture which they need and our volunteers enjoy the fellowship of working together and become better Christians as they help those in need as Jesus directed. A special thank you also to you and the community who donate all of our stock. Without hundreds like you, Joseph's Coat wouldn't exist.

We are very close to opening for customers on Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm. Please consider joining us from 5:40-8:20 to ensure that we have enough volunteers to do this. Contact Nancy Becker ndbecker1@aol.com or 866-4020. She will be happy to show you around the facility and offer training. It is not difficult work (no furniture moving on Thursdays) and you will find others

you know.



Mark your calendars and invite your friends for our GOLF OUTING at Willow Run on **Sunday, June 29** with a shotgun start at 1:30. Golfers will pay \$75 each for 18 holes of golf with cart, some special treats, and a hearty dinner following. Get your own foursome or be matched with a group – whichever is your preference.

Registration sheets will be available in the Welcome Center very soon.

Don't play golf – but love good food and fellowship? Let us know and come for dinner, just \$15 a person.

We also invite corporate or family sponsors. Please contact Anthony Mampieri at amampie@insight.rr.com for more information.

The event will benefit Joseph's Coat.



SUB SALE - \$5.00 – TO BENEFIT HEART FOOD PANTRY

Orders will be taken May 4 and May 11, after worship on both Sundays. There will be 3 types of subs to choose from. Flyer will be available to make your choice.

Subs can be picked up on Sunday, May 18th after worship.

Thanks to all for serving at the Y Family Center on April 28. Special thanks to Kathy & Pam our 1st timers. We served 225 guests.

Prayer Calendar

This calendar is a guide for the congregation to use daily. Pray for the group or people listed.

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Scott Barrett Family Beth Baumann	2 Buddy Brown Family Mary Lou Brownnett	3 Robert Canan Family Ryan Childress Family
4 Confirmation All new confirmands and their families	5 Debbie Corcoran Family Lou Cowen	6 Charles Cochran Family Steven Biedron Family	7 Joseph DeLaughder Family Bill Evenson Family	8 Carl Fosnaugh, 111 Family Daniel and Karrie Finke	9 Tim and Judy Eck Darlene Domres	10 John and Doris Gellner David and Debbie Glass
11 Mother's Day	12 Glenn Harris Family Pator George and Mary Hartman	13 Bev Healy Susanne Jamison	14 Ryan Janks Kari Jones Family	15 Frank and Carol Kokai Jim and Linda Cochran	16 Carol Keiber Pastor Mac and Cheryl Kelly	17 Bryan and Kris Kuhn Charlie and Ellie Lepley
18 Marylou Mansfield Maddie McDaniel	19 Norris McMackin Family Margaret Messick	20 Jeff Payette Family Brian Peters Family	21 Stephanie Pickering Family Brett Powell Family	22 David Reese Family Sarah Schatz	23 Lane Sampson Bill and Alex Sampson	24 Stephen Schuricht Family Michael Scott Family
25 Carolinn Shibley Harold and Donna Short	26 Memorial Day All of our Active Military and Veterans	27 Clare and Harlan Soppe Kevin Stephenson Family	28 Will Taylor Family James Tredway Family	29 Justin Wiseman Family John Wood Family	30 Harold Young Family Duane and Pam Zwick	31

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)/YWCA Family Center

Our hosting week from April 21 through 28 found our wonderful volunteers driving the church van to the Center to pick up the family at 8:00 p.m., spending the night at church from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., and returning the family to the Center at 6:30 a.m. Great work from Mike Cochran, Tom Jones, Staci Stought and children, Bob Rabe, Kim Harris, Bethann West, Larry and Patsy O'Dell, Jim Diehm, Bob Crist, Mac Kelly, Jude Rider, Mike Sneed and Pastor Karl.

We will be hosting the week beginning Monday, May 12 and again the week beginning June 9. It is very easy and will not take much of your time. Watch the gathering space for sign-up sheets for both the May and June hosting weeks.

To pick up the family, you would leave Messiah around 7:30 p.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. and in the morning you would leave around 6:30 a.m. and return to Messiah around 7:30/7:45 a.m. Your time commitment should not be more than an hour. The families we have had are usually exhausted by the time they arrive at Messiah. Even the children settle down quickly to get a good night's sleep. Ask one of the volunteers mentioned above about their experience – and get involved!

We are so blessed to have the space with which to house the homeless families in this program.

With thanks to you for volunteering,

Sally and Joann



Chicken Noodle Dinner – A big thank you to everyone who cooked and helped prepare in any way for the chicken noodle dinner that was held at Messiah on April 12. Thank you, too, to everyone who supported this annual event. The food is always so delicious and one of our most anticipated dinners. Well over 500 meals were served. After expenses the Senior Saints have a total of \$4,078 to use toward ministry of which they already purchased plates, glasses, etc. to be enjoyed in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall.

End of life discussions....

Death, like taxes, is unavoidable. Yet without the April 15 deadline we often put off having final arrangement discussions with our families even when we think that is important. Messiah is offering a pair of hour-long meetings on the topic. On Wed. night, **May 14 at 6:30 pm**, Barth Cotner of Cotner's Funeral Home will be with us to talk about the various decisions families need to make at time of a death. Pastor Karl will also share how he plans funerals with families. One week later on May 21, Cindy Elliott of the Ohio Cremation and Memorial Society will join us to speak of direct cremation and related services. At that time, Messiah's Columbarium and Endowment Fund will also be explained. None of this is intended as endorsement of any business or way of proceeding at the time of death. That is completely individual. The idea is simply to share information which might be helpful to you. Regardless of age, none of us know when we might be making these decisions. Mark your calendars and feel free to bring friends and family who might also be interested.