

The

Messenger

July 2017 Edition

The official monthly newsletter of Messiah Lutheran Church

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



Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the
Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

For questions, or if you would like to be removed from our mailings, please call the church office at 614/866-4386.



I thank God for you. Yes, you, who are sitting and reading this now. For the Holy Spirit's work within you and the Holy Spirit's work within our congregation. For the ways you serve and the words of mercy you speak to one another. For the voices raised in song every Sunday. For the prayers of the faithful. For the adults who lead the youth and the servers who prepare meals. For the doubters and the curious. For the learners and the teachers. I thank God for you who feel at home here and for you who feel on the margins of this community. I learn from you. For sinners and saints, both of which we all are.

It's God's work in us and it is a beautiful thing. More than the programs we run, it's the relationships we are building and the gifts that are being shared. Every month, my hope is that this newsletter is shining a light on some of those relationships and those gifts. This month, there are several special opportunities to connect with each other and with our community. Our Senior Saints are singing at various nursing homes, including some where we have members. We have two special Sundays planned: "Ask the Pastor" on July 23rd where you can let your curiosity loose, and "Senior Sunday" on July 30th where we celebrate the gifts and ministry of our seniors. Prayers are also welcome for our youth group and confirmation group who are going on mission trips.

I hope that in these summer months, whether on vacation or at home with us in worship, you will know the beautiful assurance of God's work in your life and in our community. That the "one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion" (Philippians 1:6). Thanks be to God.

Peace,
Pastor Liz

July 30 - Senior Sunday

Last year's was such a success, we're bringing it back! Join us on **July 30** for Senior Sunday in worship. Mark your calendars, plan on attending, and invite those seniors in your life to attend, too. The pastors, worship and fellowship leaders are working together to pack the Sunday with special and fun ways to pay tribute to the backbone and wisdom of our congregation. So come and honor our elders or be honored as an elder on this Sunday. It will be fun and meaningful.



Have a question you're just dying to ask the pastors? Here's your chance on **July 23rd**! Submit your question on our website (<http://messiahlutheran.net/ask-the-pastors/>), and Pastor Karl and Pastor Liz will take turns during all three services to answer your questions!



Serving in our worship this month

LECTORS

- July 2
- 8:00 Dave Long
- 9:30 Pat Roper
- 11:00 Sally Long
- July 9
- 8:00 Brent Yekisa
- 9:30 Howard Jones
- 11:00 Virginia Finney
- July 16
- 8:00 Lois Beery
- 9:30 Melissa Davidson
- 11:00 Jim Henschen
- July 23
- 8:00 Cheryl Kelly
- 9:30 Rocco Sabatino
- 11:00 Jim Diehm
- July 30
- 8:00 Debbie Glass
- 9:30 Mike Sneed
- 11:00 Fred McLeod

COMMUNION ASST'S

- July 2
- 8:00 Helen Schonhardt and Roberta Hammond, Barb Formentelli
- 9:30 Stacy Hogan, Jean Lantis, Dan and Theresa Newell, Laric and Patsy O'Dell, Pat Roper, Bill Sampson, Amy Canan
- 11:00 Jim Keeny, Alisa Limbers, Sara Reidler
- July 9
- 8:00 David and Sally Long, Clare Soppe
- 9:30 Jim Diehm, Melissa Stonerook, Bob and Carol Kohs, Dan and Elaine Majoy, Eric and Vicki Morris
- 11:00 Virginia Finney, Sue Jamison, Phyllis Sneed
- July 16
- 8:00 Glenn and Kim Harris, Debbie Glass
- 9:30 Chuck and Marie Cochran, Linda Cochran, Lori Gulling, Susan and Todd Mountain, Howard Jones, Pat Kurz
- 11:00 Jim and Kassie Diehm, Mike Grimm
- July 23
- 8:00 Mac and Cheryl Kelly
- 9:30 Scott and Caryl Barrett, Alex and Yogie Jeffy, Karen McCarty, Rob and Mary Sharrett
- 11:00 Mike Cochran, Jim Henschen
- July 30
- 8:00 Caryl Barrett, Sally Cochran
- 9:30 Abbey Schlett, Sean and Jessica Reiber, Beth Carmean, George Hodge

11:00 Carol Keiber and Linda Sauter

TRADITIONAL USHERS

8:00 TBA
11:00 TBA

ETERNAL CANDLE

Joann Barrett

NURSERY NANNY

Amy Canan, Tina and Sarah Kerr, Liz Newell

SOUND SYSTEM (8:00)

- July 2 Andy Moore
- July 9 Bryan Kuhn
- July 16 Randy Wilson
- July 23 Brian McClain
- July 30 Andy Moore

SOUND SYSTEM (11:00)

- July 2 Jacob Price/Gary Schmandt
- July 9 Gary Schmandt
- July 16 Jeanette Kuder/David Waite
- July 23 Jeanette Kuder/David Waite
- July 30 Jeanette Kuder/David Waite

July Altar Guild

Peggy Rabe and Carol Keiber

Coffee Hour Refreshment



Date	8:00	9:30	11:00
July 2	Rochelle Morrison	Bessie McGarvey	Alisa Limbers
July 9	Joann Saffell	Theresa Janks	Linda Sauter
July 16	Michelle Gaulke	Jean Lantis	Marilyn Potter
July 23	Marge Seymour	Pat Kurz	Phyllis Sneed
July 30	Rochelle Morrison	Beth Carmean	Pat Speakman

GREETERS  SCHEDULE

Date	8:00	9:30	11:00
July 2	Rob and Hal Scheiderer	Lori Keller, Lori Gulling	
July 9	Denise Solt and Biruta Buckenberger	Bob and Carol Kohs	Steve and Rhonda Parson
July 16	Robin and Reggie Howorka	Joe and Shontaya Phinisee	Jean and Alisa Limbers
July 23	Helen Schonhardt and Ed Todd	Jean Lantis, Marci Schlater	Nora O'Reilly
July 30	Norma and Karl Schweikdert	Karen McCarty, Julie Strohm	Sam and Freddie Hessler



We want to give a big shout out to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School. A big thank you to Patsy O'Dell for all the preparation she put into making it a success and to Betsy Barkalow, our new Children's Minister. Thank you to ALL our teachers and volunteers, and those who donated items, food/craft items and other supplies. Most of all, thank you to all who attended VBS. We hope you had a wonderful week and experienced many God Sightings!



Pastor Thadd Book	1
Amy Canan	
Sarah Clarke	
Bev Healy	
Christian Lewis	2
John Hyde	3
Bob Rabe	
Michele Gaulke	4
Yogie Jeffy	
Michelle Castro	5
Susan Franklin	
Duane Zwick	
Rachel Mattocks	7
Macie Reed	
Evan Yekisa	
Tamra Bouk	8
Hadley Bergstrom	9
Margie Edwards	
Nora Whitson	
Will Stout	10
Violet Boardman	11
Bob Clifton	
Loudon Fuller	12
Noah Wiseman	
Mike Kreemer	13
Paul Blackburn	14
Kenslee Eckelberry	
Bryan Kuhn	15
Aubrey Briseno	16
Margaret Messick	
Robbie Miller	
Ryan Stought	
Kari Yarnevic	
Maggie Fosnaugh	17
Susan Mountain	
Danielle Peters	
Mark Epperly	18
Otto Hanf	
Kevin Morris	
Reggy Howorka	19
Michael Janks	
Nancy Levering	

Patsy O'Dell	
Brian Peters	
Peggy Rabe	
Mike Sneed	
Christopher Trumbull	
Allison Vanover	
Lucas Evenson	20
Keegan Hanf	
Matthew Short	
Gary Knapp	21
Sara Kohs	
Elise Kent	22
Hannah Worley	
Tammy Groezinger	23
Clara Jones	
Mike Kirkwood	
David Russ	
Judy Davis	24
Adam Schlett	
Ben Kelch	25
Joe Mikan	26
Connie Morris	
Kristi Sheridan	
Kim Harris	27
Kari Jones	
Jim Keeny	
Madison Levering	
Angela Marshall	
Erin Walsh	
Bill Botley	28
Amanda Briseno	
Alexa Lovins	
Brenda Nickolas	
Scott Pairan	
Alexander Chea	29
Lora Shaw	29
Carter Russ	
Shana Irizarry	31
Henry Ripple	
Alyson Shaw	
Macy Yarnevic	



Messiah Produce Market

FREE PRODUCE MARKET A SUCCESS BECAUSE OF YOU!

On June 13, we served 125 neighborhood families (which is 446 individuals) fresh produce, baked goods and canned pineapple. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success. Special thank you to Barb McClain & Carol Kohs who did an outstanding job of coordinating the food distribution; and Pat Kurz who greeted everyone and welcomed them to Messiah; Sam Hessler who distributed leftovers to other agencies... and so many more volunteers, too numerous to name here. (You know who you are!)

Plan on volunteering to serve on **July 11 and August 8**: you will go home very tired, maybe a little too hot but knowing that you were serving your neighbor as the Hands and Feet of God in this place.

During the month of July we especially need Pork and Beans, Tuna Fish and Personal Care Items.



We are excited to announce we are now accepting vendors for the 2017 SPX Christmas Craft Bazaar! The Bazaar will take place November 4; from 9am-3pm. Applications must be submitted by August 1, 2017.

Applications can be found on the St. Pius Church Website. Questions? Please email SPXcraftbazaar@spxreynoldsburg.com. Sponsored by PAC.



Mission Trip

Next Sunday, **July 9**, the High School Youth will leave for their mission trip to Washington, D.C. We will have a special blessing for them at the 11:00 service that day.

On **July 16**, the Confirmation kids leave for their mission trip to Lutheran Memorial Camp.

Please keep all our youth, Pastor Liz, Jim Diehm and all our chaperones in your prayers while they are serving others.



MESSIAH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
614-864-3506
www.messiahchristianschool.org

Train a child in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Messiah Christian School completed another successful year as a ministry of the church. Our wonderful and caring teachers are taking a well-deserved summer hiatus, but will be rested and ready to return on September 5 and 6 as we open our doors and welcome back our returning and new families.

We are proud to serve Reynoldsburg and the neighboring communities by providing a Christian education for ages three through kindergarten. Our classes emphasize the academic, physical, social and spiritual development of each child. We offer both part time and full time class options along with before and after school programs at reasonable tuition rates (church members receive a 5% discount).

We still have a few spaces available and would love to enroll your child. We also offer a referral program with friends of the school receiving either a \$25 tuition credit or payment when a family they refer enrolls a child at the school.

Registration paperwork is available in the school office or online at www.messiahchristianschool.org.

Please contact Lisa Powers at 614-864-3506 or lpowers@messiahchristianschool.org for more information or to set up a tour. Come learn with us!



Joseph's Coat needs "core furniture items" for their clients - mattresses and springs and beds of any size, dressers, nightstands, lamps, kitchen tables and chairs, couches, loveseats, easy chairs, recliners, end tables, coffee tables, Stoves, refrigerators, washers, driers , microwaves .

all in good condition that can help another family.

Housewares and linens of all kinds - pots, pans, dishes, silverware, casseroles, baking pans, small appliances such as coffee pots, mixers, toaster, crock pot, etc. Kitchen utensils, good bedding, sheets, blankets, spreads, towels, washcloths, card tables and chairs.

Children's' clothes sizes 5 up through teens - both boys and girls, children's shoes. Men's steel toed work boots (having these are often a prerequisite for a job). Women's larger sized "comfort" shoes - Women's plus size clothing.

In this warm weather - deodorant, insect repellent, fans, window air conditioners

Always:

Prayers for our clients who are experiencing difficult times---that we can help get them over a hump to better conditions and times...and provide hope and encouragement as they move forward.

Volunteer time - Joseph's Coat cannot operate without loyal volunteers... The rewards are many-being a member of a great team, and the satisfaction of knowing you are doing something worthwhile with your time...

Donations of gently used items for our inventory and/or financial gifts.

Check our website regularly www.josephs-coat.org for accurate information.



Used Eyeglasses

C O L L E C T I O N

VISION HEALTH INTERNATIONAL –

Our cast-off glasses have helped improve or restore vision to hundreds of people through Vision Health International, a volunteer organization of American professionals who at their own expense go in teams to places where eye care is very scarce or non-existent. They go to many remote locations, but only where the government welcomes them and ensures that their supplies and equipment will get through. On each trip the team performs many sight restoring surgeries, and fits people with appropriate glasses to improve their vision and lives.

You may recall, they no longer accept bifocals...These are much more difficult to classify as to prescription and will meet the vision requirements of a smaller group of people. Continue to bring other intact prescription glasses to our collection bin in Fellowship Hall. (The Lions Club collection bins in the community will still accept bifocals)

A LUTHERAN MEN'S EVENT

JULY 29, 2017 – 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

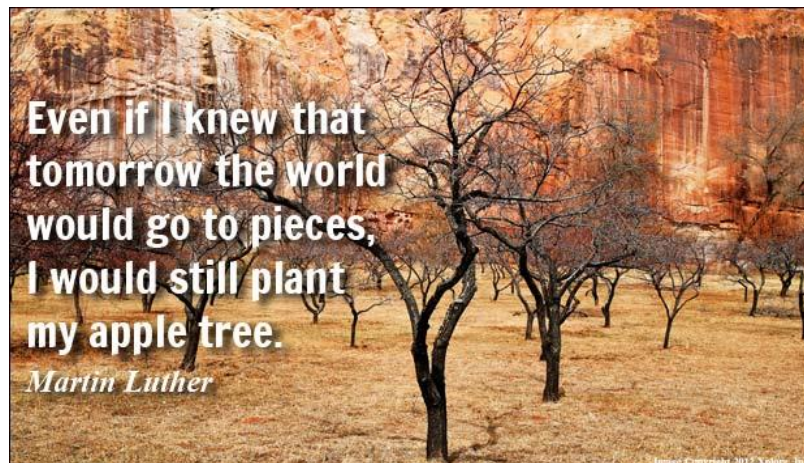
LUTHERAN MEMORIAL CAMP
2790 OHIO 61
FULTON, OHO 43321

Martin Luther said, “Even if I knew the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.”

To help celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Lutheran Men in Mission of Central Ohio will plant apple trees at LMC.

Volunteers are needed for this project. Please contact the following for more information and RSVP.

David Drumm: dadrumm@yahoo.com
Fred Ehrman: fehrman654@att.net
Larry Dowler: dowleracres@gmail.com
Allen Crossley: mcmacalc@gmail.com





**Save this important date!!!
July 15, 2017**

Messiah and our Whole Again group are sponsoring the Wellness Weekend. It is being held at Messiah Lutheran Church. The event begins at 10:00 in the morning with Conversations and Concerns about our lives being lived with grief, pain, depression, and other things keeping us from Wellness.

Our schedule will be:

- 9:30 am** - Arrival and sign in
 - 10:00 am** - Sharing/Talk from our speaker, Cheryl Repose, from Ohio Health
 - 11:30 am** - Luncheon
 - 1:00 pm** - Keynote speaker, Cheryl Repose
- Questions & discussion with dessert

Don't miss this!! We are working hard to make this a defining time in thinking about your future! Questions? Text or call Lois Beery 614-560-9719.



Whole Again is looking for our friends to help us gather door prizes for our Wellness Week-end on Saturday, July 15. If you can donate something people would be glad to win, please let us know.

We appreciate your generosity. Your name/company name can be put on our program.

Contact Lois Beery 614-560-9719 or the church office at 614-866-4386.