

The

MESSENGER

January 2019 Edition

The official monthly newsletter of Messiah Lutheran Church

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



A NEW
YEAR
&
NEW
OPPORTUNITIES



From the
Pastor's
Desk

Tis the season of resolutions! Tis the season when gym memberships go up, bakery sales go down, and we all generally try to commit to some new “version” of ourselves. With the start of a new year, we hope to do something different in our life, something we think will improve our lives. “Let’s make our lives better!” we cry. I too have often used this passage of time to make new commitments and

changes in my life.

Here’s my challenge to you in this new year: Before jumping to the resolutions and naming your hopes for 2019, look back over the past year. First reflect on the year we’ve just wrapped up and linger in your reflections. How have you grown? What are you grateful for? What was most painful and difficult? How has God shown up in your life - in the gratitude and in the pain? Where have you hear God calling to you?

Perhaps rather than starting something “new,” these questions and reflections will lead you on a path God has *already* begun for you. Perhaps the “new” thing for 2019 is what God has already started working in you.

We are such a culture of moving forward - full steam ahead - always hoping for something *better*, that we miss the goodness already present. Perhaps the blessing for us in this new year is not to write ourselves a “to do” list for the year, but to look and see God’s movement in our lives.

Because in the midst of the heartbreak or joy of this past year, we have been gifted with abundant life in Jesus. God is moving in our lives; the Holy Spirit is speaking to us. What was the gift of 2018 for you?

I am grateful for the gift of Messiah Lutheran Church this past year. I am grateful that God keeps working and moving in our lives together. May we continue to trust in the gift of the Spirit in 2019.

Peace,
Pastor Liz



- 1 Rebecca House
Carol Keiber
Lindsay Kohs
- 2 Florence Mbekem
Ron Nass
Logan Snedegar
- 4 Andrew Lyons
- 5 John Helmkee
Lindsey Maass
Mary Messick
Scott Wittler
- 6 Sam Hessler
Holly Hessler
- 7 Ted Morrison
- 8 Karen McCarty
Jovi Prater
Lukas Schmandt
- 9 Dave Buckenberger
- 10 Addison Brown
Bethann Paulley
Lucy Rubel
- 11 Geoffrey Campbell
Jennifer Eck DeBlais
Haley Hodge
Mac Van Buren
- 13 Joseph DeLaughder
Tyler Harmacek
Avery Lehky
- 13 Tom Braden
Ryan Huskey
Park Stonerook
- 14 Keith Marshall
Jason Woltja
- 15 Arlea Braden
- 16 Amy Lovins
Dean Scheiderer
Sarah Schuricht
Dianna Van Buren
Eden Weber

- 17 Kaleb Chittenden
Roberta Hammond
- 18 Jennifer Eck
Levi Minshall
- 19 Barbara Rayback
Elizabeth Wallace
- 20 Cynthia Boring
Buddy Brown
Jean Lantis
- 21 Ryan Schmidt
Robert Smith
- 22 Debbie McCloy
Paula Tandy
- 23 Megan Evenson
Emily McMackin
- 24 Nathan Moore
Lane Sampson
Ryan Wittler
- 25 Adam Lehky
Andrew Smith
Ed Todd
Joey Vinicky
- 26 Kotu Kobo
Yanquoi Kobo
Johnny Morrison
Brian Prater
- 27 Christopher Huskey
- 28 Salamawit (Sela) Clarke
- 29 Hayden Epperly
Debbie Glass
Nathan Hanf
Cassandra Linihan
- 30 Avril Moyer
- 31 Becky Kirkwood
Ted McKenna
Gina Scheiderer
Barbara Teague
Makayla Wissinger



Serving in our worship this month



Worship Assistants

LECTORS

- Jan. 6
8:00 Sally Long
9:30 Aleks Ripple
11:00 Harold Thomas
- Jan. 13
8:00 Bob Finney
9:30 Pat Roper
11:00 Jim Henschen
- Jan. 20
8:00 Lois Beery
9:30 Lori Hitsman
11:00 Fred McLeod
- Jan. 27
8:00 Cheryl Kelly
9:30 Jane Stephenson
11:00 Sara Reidler

COMMUNION ASST'S

- Jan. 6
8:00 Glenn and Kim Harris
9:30 Hollye Burgess, Lesley and Anthony Kerkman, Lisa and Ernie Underwood, Paige Hanf, Kacy and Paula Tandy
11:00 Linda Sauter and Carol Keiber
- Jan. 13
8:00 Jim and Kassie Diehm
9:30 Jim Diehm, Molly Carmean, Kayla Dunn, Brandi Janks, Avril Moyer, Kira Young,
11:00 Sally Long, Suzanne Schmandt
- Jan. 20
8:00 Mac and Cheryl Kelly
9:30 Mike and Terri Janks, Barbara McClain, Ross, Vickie and Leighlyn McClain, Don and Dee Gabe
11:00 Sara Reidler, Melissa Davidson
- Jan. 27
8:00 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 Sue Jamison

TRADITIONAL USHERS

- 8:00 The Scheiderer Team
11:00 The Lumpkin Team

SOUND SYSTEM (8:00)

- Jan. 6 Mike Sneed
Jan. 13 Andy Moore
Jan. 20 Bryan Kuhn
Jan. 27 Randy Wilson

SOUND SYSTEM (11:00)

- Jan. 6
Jan. 13 Gary Schmandt
Jan. 20 Gary Schmandt
Jan. 27 Gary Schmandt

NURSERY NANNIES

Amy Canan, Tina and Sarah Kerr

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD

Peggy Rabe and Carol Keiber

ETERNAL CANDLE

Joann Barrett

Coffee Hour Refreshment



Refreshments

Date	8:00	9:30	11:00
January 6	Joann Saffell	Bessie McGarvey	Alisa Limbers
January 13	Rochelle Morrison	Theresa Janks	Linda Sauter
January 20	Michelle Gaulke	Jean Lantis	Nancy Hoffman
January 27	Marge Seymour	Pat Kurz	Phyllis Sneed

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Date	8:00	9:30	11:00
January 6	Rob and Hal Scheiderer	Albright Family	Nancy Becker
January 13	Barb Formentelli	Dawn Baughman	Debbie Drumm
January 20	Roberta Hammond	Bergstrom Family	Mary Beth and Robert Grizzell
January 27	Mac and Cheryl Kelly	Donna and Geoff Campbell	Joann Haner, Phyllis Triona, Nancy Hoffman

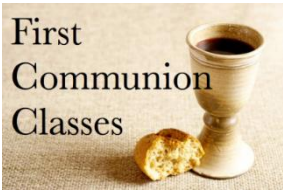


The Reynoldsburg Community Association will hold a spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at Messiah Lutheran Church 1200 S. Waggoner Road. Reynoldsburg, Ohio. 43068. Great Food, Live Entertainment, Fun and Fellowship will be provided. Carnations will be available for you to purchase for your Valentine and we will have lots of door prizes.

The Spaghetti Dinner is a major fundraising event for the Reynoldsburg Community Association with monies raised from the event going towards the Fourth of July Parade, Community Halloween Party, Christmas on the Towne and other free community events that benefit the citizens of our community.

Tickets can be purchased presale by contacting Chuck Cochran at 614-580-7218 or at the door on the evening of the event.

First
Communion
Classes



A wonderful tradition at Messiah is to have our children take communion for the first time with us gathering around them and their family for encouragement and support. We commune baptized children for the first time in the fourth grade, but older children are welcome, too. They attend three classes where they learn about the ritual and the mystery of Christ's presence within it. Classes will be held Sunday mornings at 9:30 January 20, 27 and February 3. First Communion will be a celebration in worship on Sunday, February 10 at 9:30. Please let our children's minister, Betsy Barkalow (Betsy.Barkalow.CM@gmail.com) know if you have a fourth grader. A letter will be forthcoming with more information.



CHASING THE COLD AWAY

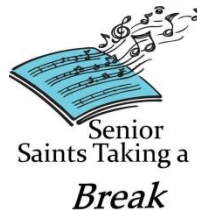
Outreach will be collecting Items for 1st English Lutheran and Hope Lutheran Church Neighbors.

We serve meals at both of these Churches and there is a Big Need. Please remember their homes are not warm like ours.

Used or New Blankets, Comforters, or Sleeping Bags, Winter Coats, Boots, Hats, Scarves, Gloves & Socks.

There will be a box in the Welcome Center. Please consider gathering up those blankets & items that are no longer being used. **Collection Time : Jan. 6 - 20th.**

Thanks for your support. Contact Suzanne Schmandt , with questions. suzanne.schmandt@gmail.com



The Senior Saints will not be meeting during the month of January. They will resume rehearsal on February 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Fritz Hall. We welcome new voices.



Messiah Quilters With Joyful Hearts expresses our sincere thanks for all of the great support from the congregation. Below are the Quilters outreach projects that took place in 2018. We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support going forward in 2019 and beyond. We lift up our hopes and prayers for all that receive these gifts - keeping in mind all things are possible with God in our Hearts.

March	18 Messiah Easter Shut - In Gift bags provided / delivered by quilters
April	17 Quilts - Children's Hospital 17 Quilts - Franklin County Children's Services
May	68 Children's Pillow Cases - Ronald McDonald House
November	74 Flannel Scarves - First English 14 Quilts - Children's Hospital 14 Quilts - Franklin County Children's Services
December 14	Messiah Shut - In Christmas Gift bags provided / delivered by quilters

Throughout the year there were 216 Chemo hats made and donated for patients at:

Children's Hospital Oncology Department

The James Cancer Hospital

The Columbus Oncology & Hematology Associates

We welcome you to check us out if you have an interest in sewing, crocheting, knitting, pressing, and /or cutting. We have a very friendly group of ladies and you would probably fit right in. For additional information please contact Bessie McGarvey at 740-927-1542 or email bmcgarvey@insight.rr.com.

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Messiah Lutheran was able to contribute nearly \$1800 to Joseph's Coat for their work with those in need. 32 bakers, other volunteers, and many, many customers made this gift possible. In addition, hundreds will enjoy the

delicious holiday cookies. This was definitely a win-win project. Lois and Randy Wilson donated beautiful metal boxes to sell, and Dee Gabe very efficiently took care of publicity, recruiting and communicating with the bakers.

With the joint effort of St. Pius X and Parkview Presbyterian we were able to give a total of \$5,523.00 to Joseph's Coat to help us continue our work. Thank you to Messiah Lutheran, Parkview Presbyterian and St. Pius X for providing the bakers, the packers and the buyers to give us another great year!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION

The epidemic of shootings in America has made many of us feel unsafe in our workplaces, public places, schools and now even our churches. Many of us are asking what a faithful response is. Join Pastor Karl in January for four classes on Wednesday nights looking at this question by studying teachings on violence from Jesus, early church teachers, and our own denomination. Plus, we will evaluate the efforts of other congregations to protect themselves and hear ideas from law enforcement and others. This class will have four sessions beginning **Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 PM**. Come grow in the New Year by learning about the faith in Christ that has claimed you.

Peace,
Pastor Karl



FaithWalk Returns

What are we struggling with? How do we see God working in our lives? This group on Wednesday nights is an open environment to share with one another on these questions. Starting January 9th, join Pastor Liz as we discuss a different topic each week along with Scripture.

- Week 1: Gratitude
- Week 2: Hurt
- Week 3: Healing
- Week 4: Shame
- Week 5: Mercy

New Interim Choir Director

Hi! I'm Tina Pagnanelli and I've been in the Chancel Choir for a couple of years and I'll be taking over as chancel choir director January – June 2019.

I grew up in Toledo attending Augsburg Lutheran Church (where Pastor Karl was baptized) serving under the direction of a wonderful music director from age 6 through high school. I was the choir director at Hosanna Lutheran in Pataskala for 8 years while I was a stay at home mom. I currently work as a Hospice nurse with Mt. Carmel.

I've enjoyed worshiping at Messiah and I look forward to continue to praise God through music. We are always looking for more voices. Please consider coming to practice any Thursday night at 6:30pm and see if this is something you would enjoy.

E-Waste Recycling Event
Benefitting People with Barriers to Employment
Sunday January 13th, 2019
9:00am – 1:00pm
Messiah Lutheran Church
1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Accepted Items for Donation
 Most anything with a cord
 Computers & Servers
 Laptops and PDA's
 I-Pads & I-Pods
 Cell Phones
 Gaming Systems
 LCD Monitors
 Stereos, VCR's & DVD players
 Wires and Cables

* No items containing Freon *
 • LCD TV's: \$10.00 ea.
 • CRT Monitors: \$20.00 ea.
 • Tube/Projection TV's: \$2.00 per in.
 • Printers/Scanners/Copiers: \$2.00 ea.

 **614-866-4386**
 messiahlutheran.net

 **614-223-1530**
 www.RenTek.net

E-Waste Recycling Event to Benefit People with Barriers to Employment

Hosted by Messiah Lutheran Church

(Reynoldsburg, Ohio) On Sunday, January 13th, 2019, RenTek and the Messiah Lutheran Church are teaming up to offer an electronics recycling drive at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Anyone wishing to donate computer equipment and other electronics can drop items off at the church's parking lot from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. – just follow the signs marked "Recycling Event." Volunteers will be on hand to unload the donated items. All electronic data and personal information from computers is professionally erased by a secured three-pass scrub of the hard drives using a method that observes R2 compliant standards.

Acceptable items for donation include: most all electronic devices, computers, laptops, iPads, iPods and PDAs, cell phones, gaming systems, home stereos, VCRs and DVD players, wires and cables, LCD and CRT monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, scanners, copiers, ink and toner cartridges and computer parts and accessories.

**Please note items containing Freon will not be accepted and a small fee will be charged for tube/projection TV's (\$2.00 per inch), printers/scanners/copiers (\$2.00 ea.), LCD TV's (\$10.00 ea.) and CRT monitors (\$20.00 ea.).

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RenTek is a non-profit organization that offers workforce development training for individuals with barriers to employment including those with Autism and other developmental disabilities and people who have previously been incarcerated. Your business helps us advance the mission of creating jobs for people with barriers to employment and disabilities, while providing an exceptional service at a substantially lower cost.



Our Small Groups continue meeting. They meet at 1180 Waggoner Road.

→ *Mind-Spirit-Grow* meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm and is led by Shabonne Grimm (shabamb@aol.com.) Learn how changing our mind-set can help us grow closer to God and follow Christ's teachings.

→ *Science and Faith meets* on the third Sunday at 4pm and is led by Craig Jones (craiglsj@gmail.com). We explore our journeys in faith and science and their intersection.

→ *God's Purpose for Me* meets on the 2nd Thursdays at 7pm. We will better understand the reasons God has created us. This class is led by Doug Arnold (d_arnold@reagan.com).

→ *As Yourself* meets on the 2nd Saturdays at 10am. It is led by Roberta Hammond (rhammond8@hotmail.com). We will share around how to see and love ourselves as God sees and loves us.

If you are interested in learning more about these groups please contact the leaders, or you can call the church office to get more information.



Our next **Senior Luncheon** is January 22, 2019. We are starting a new year and our plan this month is to make a new recipe to share. It can be a main dish, salad, casserole, dessert, etc. Be brave and try something new. If you have any questions please contact Peg Rabe.