

The MESSENGER

May 2019 Edition

The official monthly newsletter of Messiah Lutheran Church
A congregation of the Southern Ohio Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



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“Peace be with you,” the risen Jesus says to his disciples, who are filled with fear and locked in a room. “The peace of the Lord be with you always,” the pastor says. “And also with you,” the congregation responds. With handshakes and hugs, we extend that peace to one another - a greeting, an acknowledgement of care, a hope for our community.

Peace be with you.

We “pass the peace” every Sunday and sometimes it’s good to reflect on just what exactly we’re doing. Is this time in our worship service a holy moment on our Sunday morning? Do we say these words and *feel* the peace of Christ passing like a wave through our congregation? Do we grasp it as an opportunity to share the love of Christ with someone who is a stranger to us?

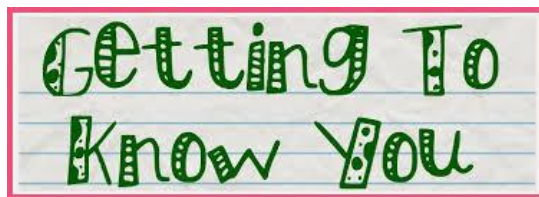
Peace be with you.

Not just words, but a reminder of what Christ does in us and through us. Not just words, but a greeting to all we meet; a greeting that just may be spoken to someone who is feeling afraid that day - may the peace of Christ be with you in the midst of whatever struggle you’re going through. And the response back to us: may the peace of Christ be with *you* in the midst of whatever struggle you’re going through.

It’s a time when we can look around us and truly notice the body of Christ, the people gathered in front of us, behind us and next to us. What might we see with fresh eyes in that moment? *Who* might we see with fresh eyes?

As we move through this season of Easter, I encourage you to greet others with fresh eyes as you share these words of the risen Jesus: “Peace be with you.” Find the people you don’t know. Grasp their hand and share your love in your smile. Sit in a new seat to share the peace in a new way! Perhaps this Easter, we will find Christ’s peace crashing over us in a new way.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Liz



Getting To Know You Party - On Sunday May 5th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Donna Campbell along with Doug & Kay Arnold are hosting the "Getting to Know You Party" at the Arnold's home. It is a purely social time for any/all Messiah adults, whether married or single, for the purpose of getting to know each other a bit better. You are welcome to bring a friend. We ask you bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please sign up in the Welcome Center so that we will know how many people to plan for. Please pass the word on to others and plan to join us!

For more information you can call Kay Arnold at 614 866-6702 Donna Campbell at 614 575-1466. The Arnold's address is [12485 Teal Lane](#), Pickerington.



May 5 Confirmation - Our 8th graders are celebrating their affirmation of baptism at our 9:30 service May 6th. 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 . 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.



School's Out, School's Out (well almost)!

Join us on Wednesday, May 22 to celebrate the end of school and beginning of summer at a special Messiah Night from 5:30-6:30. Chef Marty will be doing his kitchen magic to make a *special kid friendly meal* underwritten by

Thrivent Action Grants. We are inviting our Preschool families and neighbors and especially **YOU** to be with us for special surprises for the children and as we shower Choices, a shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence, with personal care items. **This is our last Messiah Night, too.**

Choices Personal Care Shower

Choices is a shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Often they have fled a life-threatening situation with nothing but what they are wearing. During the month of May, Messiah members are collecting personal care items. Can you provide soap, toothpaste, a toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant or a feminine hygiene item? The collection will begin on Sunday May 5 in the Welcome Center and continue through the end of the month. Thanks for caring!





LECTORS

May 5

- 8:00 Virginia Finney
- 9:30 Sabrina Ripple
- 11:00 Harold Thomas

May 12

- 8:00 Bob Finney
- 9:30 Viola Shemas
- 11:00 Melissa Davidson

May 19

- 8:00
- 9:30 Sherri Smith
- 11:00 Sara Reidler

May 26

- 8:00
- 9:30 Abby Canan
- 11:00 Fred McLeod

ACOLYTES

May 5

- 8:00 Aubrey Yekisa
- 11:00

May 12

- 8:00
- 11:00

May 19

- 8:00
- 11:00

May 26

- 8:00
- 11:00

COMMUNION ASST'S

May 5

- 8:00 Glenn and Kim Harris
- 9:30 Confirmation Class
- 11:00 Sally Long, Sara

Reidler

May 12

- 8:00 Mac and Cheryl Kelly
- 9:30 Jim Diehm, Halle

Mills, Molly Carmean, Kira

Young

11:00 Melissa Davidson, Jim

Keeny

May 19

- 8:00 Helen Schonhardt,
- Linda Ickds
- 9:30 Mike and Terri Janks,

Don and Dee Gabe

11:00 Mike Grimm, Phyllis

Sneed

May 26

- 8:00 Debbie Glass, Caryl
- Barrett
- 9:30 Stacy Hogan, Dan and

Theresa Newell, Laric and

Patsy O'Dell, Pat Roper, Bill

Sampson, Amy Canan

11:00 Elaine Malzahn,

Richard Hansgen

TRADITIONAL USHERS

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

SOUND SYSTEM (8:00)

May 5 Andy Moore

May 12 Bryan Kuhn

May 19 Randy Wilson

May 26 Mike Sneed

SOUND SYSTEM (11:00)

May 5 Jacob Price

May 12 Andy Moore

May 19 Andy Moore/Mike
Kirkwood

May 26 Gary Schmandt

May Altar Guild

Sara Stevenson, Heather Moore

NURSERY NANNY

Amy Canan, Tina Kerr, Sarah
Kerr

Eternal Candle

Helen Schonhardt

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



Date	8:00	9:30	11:00
May 5	Michelle Gaulke	Sherri Houghton	Rochelle Morrison
May 12	Marge Seymour	Beth Johnson	Phyllis Sneed
May 19	Barb Formentelli	Kristin McAllister	Virginia Finney
May 26	Rochelle Morrison	Kerri Jutte	Alisa Limbers

GREETERS  **SCHEDULE**

Date	8:00	9:30	11:00
May 5	Mac and Cheryl Kelly	Yogi Jeffy	Ben and Monica Kelch
May 12	Barb Formentelli	Karen Mills	Ellie and Charlie Lepley
May 19	Ed Todd and Helen Schonhardt	Shontaya and Joe Phinisee	Angela and Keith Marshall
May 26	Keith Eichhorn	Sheridan Family	Elaine Malzahn



New Member Class
A special invitation

Beginning on May 1, there will be a three-week series of one hour classes, 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, concluding on May 15. Come and meet Pastor Karl and Pastor Liz, and get to know people. Find out what it means to be a church, what it means to be a church at Messiah, what it means being part of the ELCA, and finishing up with the ministry fair, and most importantly, how you can become a part of it all! To register, or if you have any questions, please call the church office at 614-866-4386.

Although it is not required, we hope that you will join us for the Messiah Night dinner beginning at 5:30 each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall, located just off the Welcome Center. We will have a place reserved for you. Babysitting is provided and there are activities for all ages beginning at 6:30.

Holy Spirit 101 - Who exactly is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How do we discern the work of the Spirit? Sometimes the forgotten part of the Trinity, we'll spend the next three weeks of Messiah Night studying and learning about the Holy Spirit. We'll take a look at images of the Spirit in Scripture, the work of the Spirit in our lives, and the church's relation to the Spirit. Join Pastor Liz for the first class on Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30pm.

March in the Columbus Pride Parade - We will be joining other ELCA churches in the parade on **Saturday, June 15th**. This is an opportunity to join our siblings in being a witness to God's love and to embody our value of inclusiveness. Please sign up in the Welcome Center. T-shirts are also available for \$11; orders will be placed by May 17th. Youth are welcome to attend.



**You are cordially invited to attend the annual
Central Ohio Conference Spring Gathering!**

- WHO:** Women of the ELCA
Central Ohio Conference (COC)
- WHAT:** **Spring Gathering**
- WHEN:** **Sunday, May 5, 2019**
Registration 1:30 p.m.
Program from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** **Messiah Lutheran Church**
1200 Waggoner Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
- WHY:** **Fellowship & Updates** from the COC
Board & SOS/WELCA President and
Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt

SPEAKER/ SOLOIST: JENNIFER SHAW Contemporary Singer, Song Writer, Author, & Speaker. We will be collecting a free-will offering for Star House which is located in the OSU campus area. We will also be collecting “in-kind gifts” of cleaning supplies and 5 gallons buckets for the Nebraska Flood Victims. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Dixon at 614-475-2772 or dixon201@earthlink.net or see Biruta Buckenberger or Sally Long.

We continue in our search for a new Praise Band Leader. We are very grateful to Michelle Johns for graciously agreeing to stay through the month of May as we continue in our search. We are glad to have her gifts in Praise Band a little bit longer! Please continue to pray for our interview process.

HEART FOOD PANTRY – For May HEART is asking for donations of tuna fish, pasta sauce, children’s cereal and toilet paper.



Fresh Thyme Giving Bag – HEART has been chosen to receive \$1 for each reusable Giving Bag sold during the month of May. It’s that simple. Purchase 1 or 2 and help HEART.



MESSIAH'S COMMUNITY FREE PRODUCE MARKETS

June 11th is our first Free Produce Market for low income neighbors. We begin setup at 1:00 and the produce truck arrives at 2:00, when we need the most volunteers to help count and bag the produce. It is always a mystery as to what we will have to serve that day, so volunteer your time. Again this year it will be held in the picnic shelter. If you have questions please contact Margaret Messick at 614-701-1927, mam71mess@gmail.com. We will serve shoppers at 3:30 and close at 6:00 in order to get the leftovers to Mid-Ohio agencies.



There are still hungry neighbors in our area whose needs are not being met. Mid-Ohio indicated HEART is the largest pantry in our area and they will be investing more food resources for us. We are known as a pantry with great follow through with MO's requests. We now have the opportunity to pick up food from Meijer's and another Target store. **Therefore, we need a few new volunteers for driving, picking up, and for processing food. We need YOU! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Margaret Messick, Coordinator of Operations. 614.999.5592**

Thank you, Messiah Family for your generous gifts for the Easter Giving Tree.

We assembled 80 bags for the Neighbors of Hope Lutheran. Plus, we have several shopping bags of extra items. The bags were distributed at Hope's Produce Market yesterday. They appreciated your Great Act of Kindness. Kudos to the Outreach helpers: Nora, Rob, Kathy.



Joseph's Coat Depends on You

Joseph's Coat depends on good, used donations for its stock. Remember us as you do your spring cleaning of closets for clothing and linens, and your kitchen and storage areas for extra dishes, pots and pans, and appliances that you rarely use. If you are replacing furniture or major appliances but the old ones still work well, our clients need those as well. For pick-up of large items call 614-863-1371. Give us plenty of notice, since we depend on volunteers for our pickups. We will set an appointment so you know when to expect us.

You may place smaller items back by the Coke machine at church. Ken Roslan will transport things to Joseph's Coat if you cannot. PLEASE, pack donations in plastic bags or boxes to make that job easier for him.

We do cannot use entertainment centers, large dining room cabinets, miscellaneous decorative items, toys, or stuffed animals, books, tools, or outdoor furniture. We need our space for the basic items that families need to furnish an apartment or small house. Greatest needs are beds and mattresses (all sizes), chest of drawers, kitchen or dinette tables and chairs, end tables, and lamps.



1	Justine Franklin Freddie Hessler Mikey Kirkwood Jeffrey Maass	17	Devin Hogan Gregg Bundy Mia Pickering Viola Shemas Amy Klopfer-Thornton
2	Kaitlyn Barrett Tyler Jutte	18	Marcia Calos Howard Jones Nancy Mahoney Kevin Rubel
4	Alexa Briseno Ernie Underwood	19	Davina Chittenden Patricia Horetski Richard Jeffy
5	Andrea Boring Jason Mills	20	Rebekah Bower Joe Fogt Aubrey Yekisa
6	Margaret Barkalow Lisa Evenson Olivia Karnga Marylou Mansfield Natalie Satterwhite	23	Joshua Bergstrom Rose Dobberstein Maria Schmidt
7	Ashley Cochran Raine Harris Ellie Lepley	24	Leighlyn McClain Janeen Smith-Hughes Julie Teague
8	Harold Thomas	25	Skylar Hogan Laurel Wright
9	Paul Sheridan	26	Joseph Clementz Brian McClain Chris Underwood
10	Barb Formentelli Luna Skye Parson-Pope Rhonda Parson	27	Emma Moore
11	Jami Cogsil Kathy McFerlin Nora O'Reilly Yar Sheriff Logan Sheskey Adam Whitman	28	Kim Duncan Karen Mills Taylor Short
12	Matt Schmandt David Waite	29	Susanne Jamison Trent Johnston Brayden Matthews Sydney Morris Erni Orso Beverly Prater Jack Pugh
13	Stephen Jones Michael Kreemer Brian Peters Drake Vankirk	30	Sally Long Rochelle Morrison Jennifer Saputo Alan Schmandt
14	Isabella Agboragbor Nicholas Price Erin Sauter Bailey Tredway Oliver Woltja	31	Hastings Agboragbor Avery Heim Teah Hoffman-Ulmer Peter Jeffy Noah Weber Jennifer Wittler
15	Tom Boardman Tom Jones		
15	Lucinda Thomas		
16	Jackie Fuller Judy Hodge		



For those of you who take on the thankless task of putting together schedules for communion, lectors, greeters, acolytes, refreshments... **most schedules run out in June.** It's time to go searching for volunteers for the next 6 months. Please know how much we appreciate your hard work.



On June 2 we will have a special blessing of our High School graduates. If you have a graduate or know someone who is graduating please send us the following information:

Name of Graduate/and Photo for our slideshow

Date of Graduation:

High School Attended:

Future Plans:

We will also recognize our College graduates. We need this information by **May 21, 2018.**



Interest has been expressed to have another dinner theatre in the fall. **The Senior Saints and volunteers from the congregation** presented our first one November 18 and 19, 2018.

The first performance was given as a dinner theater complete with a meal. The second performance was served coffee and dessert.

Because of the Harvest Festival and multiple church activities we have tentatively set Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 for this year's production. If you are interested in being a part of this presentation, please see any member of the Senior Saint Choir.

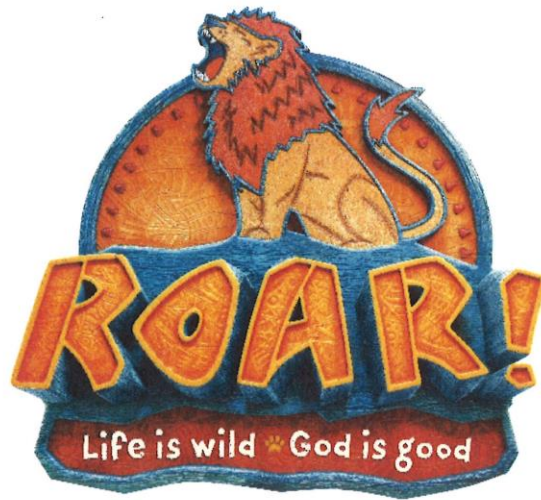
LOOKING FOR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

If you have a passion for Jesus and children, join us!

JUNE 2 THROUGH AUGUST 18
9:30AM SERVICE

Children's Ministry is looking to put together a Summer Sunday School committee to help run our Sunday School program in the summer. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or contact betsy.barkalow.cm@gmail.com





VBS is our mane event! This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

It's fun for everybody! Sign up to participate or volunteer now! June 17-21 from 6:00-8:30pm.

Children 3 years (potty-trained) through 5th grade.



Step 1: Download QR Code Reader in your app store

Step 2: Open app and scan the code

Step 3: Sign up!

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/roar-mlc>