

MESSIAH MEMOS

Messiah Fairview Park

Issue 6: July/August 2019

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & SUMMER MUSIC CAMP



There's still time to send in your registration form for Vacation Bible School and Music Camp the week of July 22-26. These camps are offered to children ages 4-10.

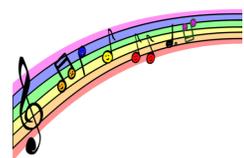
Camp options range from 9 am to as late as 5 pm. Vacation Bible School is from 9 am - 12 pm; led by Morgan Schauer. The theme this year is "ROAR! Life is Wild • God is Good." Following VBS is a supervised lunch and recess time; pack your own lunch. Music Camp will be from 1 - 3 pm; led by Claire Connelly, professional opera singer, voice professor at John Carroll University, and teacher of kids' music classes at Sing and Swing, along with Church Music Director, Connie Triplett. The camp will include fun games and songs that help teach basic music and rhythm skills along with vocal skills. After care will be offered from 3 - 5 pm.

COSTS:

- VBS Only: \$25
- Music Camp Only: \$100 first child; \$80 additional siblings
- VBS & Music Camp: \$120 first child; \$100 additional siblings
- After care provided until 5 pm: \$5/child per hour

Music Camp registration is limited, so sign up early to ensure your child's spot. Registration forms can be found on the table outside the church office or online at www.messiahfp.org. Make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church; turn in to the church office or mail it to Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Rd. Fairview Park, OH 44126.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Are you interested in volunteering? Messiah VBS has many different areas to volunteer. Are you interested in leading games, snack time, kids videos, taking photographs, or just helping anywhere needed? Contact Morgan Schauer at 440-346-0660 to volunteer.

FAMILY NEWS

BAPTISMS



- Audrey Joan Prusak
Baptized: 6/2/19
DOB: 8/25/18
Parents: Matthew & Rhonda Prusak
- Finley Claire Roeder
Baptized: 6/9/19
DOB: 4/17/19
Parents: Joseph & Rachel Roeder
- Ivy Janice Kyre
Baptized: 6/16/19
DOB: 4/28/19
Parents: Austin & Ann Smith



IN MEMORY

Wilmer R. Schuett
October 9, 1934 - May 23, 2019

WEDDINGS

- Keith Hemsoth & Sandra Shinn
June 15, 2019
- Nathan Roman & Elise Leonard
June 22, 2019



TRANSFERRED TO MESSIAH

Churchill & Evelyn Ward
Transferred to Messiah as of 6/24/19

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2019



50 YEARS
Thomas & Judy Lazor

55 YEARS
William & Lucinda McNutt

60 YEARS
Walter & Rosalia Krenz
Robert & Carol Kubovcik

65 YEARS
Clifford & Betty Preuss

FROM PASTOR SETH



The Rev. Seth Bridger

Colossians 2:6-7

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

I write this day during a mild, partly sunny June day....

However by the time this most recent edition of Memos arrives into your hands, I am confident (optimistically so!) that the July heat will be upon us, the rainy season will be a distant memory, and summer living will be in full swing. As we live our days, we have much to look forward to this summer.

The verse above from the Letter to the Colossians is included in our upcoming lectionary readings and will be read in worship on Sunday, July 28th. The entire letter speaks to Christ as the creator and sustainer of all things and the one true mediator between God and human beings. The verse above helpfully reminds us that we have received Christ as a gift, and that as we continue to live our lives, we are both rooted [in the faith] and built up [in the faith].. We get a strong sense from this verse an image of being taught the faith, and from this teaching, thanksgiving springs forth. These are particularly helpful words for us, as each of us continues in the faith and as we continue to give thanks for that which is abounding in our lives.

One of the unmistakable things for which we are giving thanks for within our faith community is the multitude of births which have occurred within a relatively short period of time. Multiple families within our community have welcomed new ones into their midst. A new generation is springing forth and new life is all around us! In the midst of unmistakable blessing, what can we do but give thanks?

And so, we will mark these births and give particular thanks for them. On Sunday, July 28th during the 10 am worship service, as many of these little ones as possible, and their parents, will gather and we will celebrate. If you have welcomed a child in the last 12 months, this day is for you. The prayer

is that all will be encouraged (especially the parents of these new little ones) through the worship experience on the 28th.

And, as we celebrate these many new births, we are preparing to celebrate a 90th anniversary. Messiah Church began 90 years ago this coming September, and part of our future is looking back at the enduring legacy of that which has been rooted and built up during a 90 year period from 1929 to 2019. "God's Love Endures Forever" is our theme for the occasion, and I hope you will make plans to be part of the celebration on Sunday, September 29th. Look for further details within this Memos, and what a joy it will be to see so many engaged in making the day happen. If you have time and energy to help make the 90th Anniversary celebration a success, please get involved.

May your days be spent well and may each day bring its own sense of goodness and mercy and appreciation for all that we have received through Christ the Lord.

With you on the Journey,

Pastor Seth



GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Messiah Lutheran and St. Angela Merici parishes, in collaboration with Holy Family Hospice, invite you to be part of a monthly grief support group.

Second Thursday of Every Month

Thursday, July 11

Thursday, August 8

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Messiah Lutheran Church

21485 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park

Teacher's Lounge

For more information please call or email Trish Kvasnicka at (216)509-1469 or itrish@msn.com

*This **FREE** group is open to the community.*



Principal Memos

June 2019



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

The Messiah School class of 2019 received their diplomas on Wednesday, June 5. All five of our graduates will now progress to Lutheran High School West. Join us in praying that the Holy Spirit's presence is strongly felt throughout their lives, and that they will continue to be blessed and bless others as they grow. The Presidential Award for Academic Excellence was given to Eva Luenger, Ella Pierse, and Tyler Vance. Summer Jenkins received the Presidential Award for Academic Achievement. Ella Pierse was also awarded a scholarship to attend Lutheran High School West, presented at Messiah's graduation by Principal Michael Waugh.



THANK YOU, GOLFERS AND DONORS!

We hosted our biggest and best golf outing yet on Saturday, June 1. Thank you to the lead team of Darlene Waugh, Scott Straffen, Mike Theil, and Dean Kinter, Jason Reynolds, and Greg Norris for your hard work raising over \$10,000 in scholarships to support Messiah students.

ADMISSIONS

We're excited to welcome so many new students! Seats remain in most classes, though much more limited in lower grades. Kindergarten has space on our wait list for possible enrollment. Just a handful of seats remain in our preschool classes and 1st grade. If you know a student or family looking for academic excellence in Christian community, please encourage them to consider Messiah among their options.

We would be delighted to hear from interested families at 440.331.6553 or jsnyder@messiahfp.org.

SUMMER FUN! SUMMERFEST BOOTH

SummerFest, Fairview Park's largest community festival, takes place on Friday, July 26-Saturday, July 27. Messiah Church and School will be hosting a nice, big booth at Bohlken Park throughout the festival. We invite you to come visit, or to be one of the friendly faces who greets visitors! To get involved, email jsnyder@messiahfp.org.

Please continue to pray for our school as we continue to pray for our congregation. God bless you!

Your servant in Christ,
Helen Casselberry
Principal

TEE IT UP GOLF OUTING

Thank you for the overwhelming support of this year's Tee It Up golf outing to support Messiah School. We welcomed 112 golfers and the weather was perfect. Since 2012, this outing has raised \$65,000 for Messiah Lutheran School Students. Thank you again for all of your support.



Here's What's Happening At Messiah



BABY SUNDAY July 28th

In celebration and thanksgiving for the many babies that have been born within the Messiah community in the past year; we are declaring Sunday, July 28th "Baby Sunday". All babies born since July 2018, along with their parents and families, are invited to attend the 10 am worship on Sunday, July 28th. The service will include a sermon specifically focused on parenting as well as a special time of celebration during the service. A photographer will also be on hand to capture the moment. Questions? Speak with Pastor Seth.

Confirmation Kick Off 6th, 7th & 8th Graders



There will be a Confirmation Kick Off for all parents and students who will be beginning 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in the fall. This Kick Off will be on Sunday, September 22nd at 9:50 am in the Sanctuary. Mark your family calendars now & plan to attend on September 22nd.

SATURDAY EVENING POT LUCKS!



Everyone loves a good pot luck! Over the course of the last year, there have been several pot lucks held after the Saturday Evening 5:30 pm worship service. Join us for a time of good food and fellowship; and join us for worship before! Bring your favorite dish to share. Mark the following dates on your calendar:

September 7, 2019
December 7, 2019
March 7, 2020
June 6, 2020



Inquirer's Class Coming this August

Inquirer's class—for anyone interested in exploring membership at Messiah, or simply in learning more about the Lutheran Church and the basics of our Christian faith. The class will be offered beginning this August;

Tuesday evenings

August 13, 6 -7 pm
August 20, 7-8 pm
August 27, 7-8 pm
September 10, 7-8 pm
September 17, 7-8 pm

For more information or to sign up, please contact the church office.

Adult Education Opportunities

OUR EVERYDAY RELIGIONS: WHY WE'RE STUCK ON THEM, HOW THEY'RE KILLING US, AND WHAT GOD IS DOING ABOUT THAT

A Summer Course in Eight Sessions

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:45 pm; North End of Fellowship Hall

July 10 The Religion of Finding the Perfect Partner
July 17 The Religion of Me
July 24 The Religion of the Party Line
August 14 When God "Hands Us Over" to Ourselves
August 21 The Gift for Today of "Handed-Over" Jesus

Texts, available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)—

- ◆ *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became our New Religion and What to Do About It.* By David Zabl (Fortress Press, 2019)
- ◆ *Upside-Down Spirituality: The 9 Essential Failures of a Faithful Life.* By Chad Bird (Baker Books, 2019)



INVITING NEW MEMBERS FOR ENSEMBLES

Psalm 98:4-6 "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!"

What a joy it is every Saturday or Sunday at Messiah to take part in the joyful noise of the Church's song of praise and proclamation of our Lord, Jesus Christ! The whole congregation sings and proclaims God's Word as we sing the liturgy, psalms, and hymns together.

Many smaller ensembles and individuals also serve and enrich congregational singing and worship at Messiah. Cantors help lead liturgy and psalms with their voices. The Joy Ringers add their bells to hymns, psalms, and times of quiet reflection. The Messiah Choir joins in the liturgy and hymns as well as singing voluntaries which present God's Word with different words and styles. Individual instrumentalists lift their melodies, harmonies, and descants in service of the Church's song. The music of the Brass Ensemble swells from the balcony and helps ignite our hearts to song.

As full ensemble rehearsals start up again in September, please prayerfully consider whether you may be called to serve in one or more of these ensembles or as an individual. Season long commitments are welcome, but may not be what's right for you. If you're new to making music in one of these ensembles, you're welcome to try it out for a short time, such as in preparation for a festival church service like Messiah's 90th anniversary, Christmastime, or Eastertime. Please contact Music Director, Connie Triplett, if you have an interest in using your musical talents in a new way in the church.

As we raise our instruments and voices in song together, we join with the Church in every time and place in proclaiming the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection.

In Christ,
Connie Triplett, Director of Music
ctringlett@messiahfp.org

A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT "I Am One of God's Managers— Imagine That!"

In church this August we're listening to St. Luke's account of Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. It's a field trip of sorts. The teacher leads. The pupils follow. They look, they listen, they talk, they argue. And all along the way the teacher pushes the pupils—that's us!—to think in fresh and astonishing ways about God, themselves, and the people around them.

Here is one of the core lessons. God takes us much more seriously than we dare to take ourselves. God relies on each of us, in fact, to get some aspect of his work done. This applies no matter how old or young we are. In one way or another we are all managers in God's daily, ongoing project to care for this world he loves and aches to redeem. Each of us has resources to employ in the project and the liberty to allocate those resources as we see fit.

At the heart of the project stands Christ who gave his all, nothing held back, to make it happen.

Let's all think this month about the resources God has handed to each of us to manage on his behalf. The old familiar categories of time, talent, and treasure give us one way to approach this. How did I use things last month? To what ends and to whose benefit did I allocate and direct them? Are there adjustments to make that would put what God has given me to more effective use? How can I grow as a more skillful manager who understands that honoring Christ is the most important goal of all?

God grant that all of us will pray about these things—and act on them. In the meantime, let's all be astonished that God should see fit to put his work in hands like ours. Imagine that!

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A word of thanks to everyone who responded to our June appeal for extra gifts to meet contribution needs for the current fiscal year. That year ends on July 31. We will let you know soon after that whether we met our target. As of the last week in June, we had \$80,000 still to gather. Again our thanks to every generous member of Messiah who has helped bring us as close to our goals as we are.

REAL FAITH IN REAL LIFE AN OPPORTUNITY

Imagine—

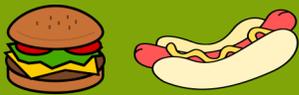
—a group of Christian friends who get together periodically—their call on how often—to celebrate and practice the life they share in Christ. Among other things,

- They eat, they drink, they talk, they laugh. They get to know each other's joys and sorrows. They do what friends do as a matter of course.
- They read Scripture together and discuss it. They push each other to hear and understand what God is saying to them. They explore how God is using this word to shape their lives in all its daily practicality.
- They pray with each other and for each other. Together they pray for their families, their neighbors, their church, their world.
- They identify a project to work on together, something that expresses their faith and joy in Christ and extends his love to others who need it. Over time they carry it out.
- They eat, drink, talk, and laugh some more. They go their separate ways thanking God for each other and feeling refreshed. It feels good to be finding that their Christian faith and identity is so much more than a "show-up-at-church-on-and-be-talked-at" thing.

If this sounds like something you'd like to explore, get in touch this summer with Pr. Burce. Email works (jburce@messiahfp.org). So does a message in his church voicemail. So does a text to 216-469-7863.

Better still, come to a meeting with Pr. Burce on Tuesday, July 23, at 6:30. The goal is to think through this idea together and identify what it would take to make it happen for people at Messiah this fall. Could you be the catalyst for a group like this? If such a thought intrigues you, by all means come to the meeting.

You are Invited to
Messiah's Annual Rally Fest Picnic



Sunday, August 25 @ 11 am
Messiah Lutheran Church



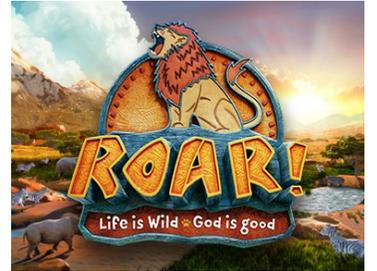
FREE COOKOUT

INFLATABLES

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN-UP

Saturday Service at 5:30 pm
Sunday Services at 8:30 & 10:00 am

21485 Lorain Road Fairview Park
Messiahfairview.org
440-331-2405



Join us for our Community Vacation Bible School & Music Camp

July 22 - 26, 2019
Children ages 4 - 10

- VBS Only: \$25 (Snacks & drinks will be provided)
- Music Camp Only: \$100 (1st Child); \$80 (siblings)
- VBS & Music Camp: \$120 (1st Child); \$100 (siblings)
- After Care: \$5/hour per child

Daily Schedule
9 am—12 pm: VBS
12 pm—1 pm: Lunch & Recess (pack your own lunch)
1 pm—3 pm: Music Camp
3 pm—5 pm: After Care

(Cash or check payable to “Messiah Lutheran Church”)

Child to be enrolled in Messiah Lutheran Church’s Vacation Bible School and/or Music Camp

Name: _____ Age: ____ Birth Date: _____ Grade (Fall): _____

***** Please complete Emergency Medical Information on side 2 of this form. *****

Photo Release:

I (parent) _____ give permission for photos to be taken of my child _____ during Vacation Bible School and/or Music Camp at Messiah Lutheran Church the week of July 22-26, 2019. I understand these photos may be used both within the church building and for publicity purposes, including but not limited to the church newsletters, website and social media pages. I understand that no child will ever be identified by name in a photo, and that any posts made online will be left “untagged” unless the parent chooses to do so through their own Facebook account.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you do not wish to have your child photographed, please initial here: _____

Vacation Bible School & Music Camp Emergency Medical Authorization Form

One form per child enrolled in VBS and/or Music Camp

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Cell Phone _____

If a parent cannot be reached, please notify:

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

I hereby give consent for the following medical care providers to be called:

Doctor's Name _____ Phone _____

Dentist's Name _____ Phone _____

Specialist's Name _____ Phone _____

(indicate specialty)

Local Hospital Name _____ Phone _____

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by above-named doctor, or, in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist; and (2) the transfer of the child to any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Facts concerning the child's medical history including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted:

Check One

My child, _____, is in good physical condition and can participate in the regular VBS/Music Camp activities.

My child, _____ will have medication labeled with complete instructions in the VBS/Music Camp office. I give permission for the VBS/Camp director to administer _____.

Please provide administration directions and amounts. (medication)

Date _____ Signature _____

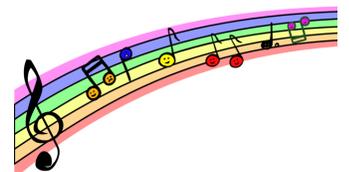
Parent / Guardian

Email address _____



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Questions? Call the church office at 440-331-2405.





Gourmet Prayer

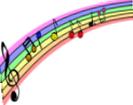
with Priscilla Hinsch

“Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.”
Psalm 103: 1-2

Gracious God, I put myself before you in
this moment with waiting heart, expectant desire.
Open my eyes that I may see your promise fulfilled;
open my ears that I may hear your word whispered
to my deepest being. Amen.

(Norman Shawchuck, twentieth century)

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 8:30a Holy Communion 10a Holy Communion 7:30p AA	8	9	10 6:30p Bible Study	11 7p Grief Support Group	12	13 5:30p Holy Communion
14 8:30a Holy Communion 10a Holy Communion 7:30p AA	15 6p School Board Meeting 7p Trustees Meeting	16	17 6:30p Bible Study	18	19	20 5:30p Holy Communion
21 8:30a Holy Communion 10a Holy Communion 7:30p AA	22 	23 6:30p Real Faith/Real Life Meeting	24 6:30p Bible Study	25 6p Laundry Love	26 	27 5:30p Holy Communion
28 Baby Sunday 8:30a Holy Communion 10a Holy Communion 7:30p AA	29	30	31	Save-the-Date September 29, 2019 Messiah's 90th Anniversary Celebration		

August 2019

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25 Rally Day 8:30a Holy Communion 10a Holy Communion 11a Rally Day Picnic 7:30p AA 	26	27 7p Inquirer's Class	28	29 6p Laundry Love	30	31 5:30p Holy Communion

Come Celebrate
Messiah's 90th Anniversary
Messiah Lutheran Church
1929 ~ 2019

90 Years of God's Enduring Love

*O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1*



Sunday, September 29, 2019

Messiah Annual Meeting	10 am
Festival Worship	11 am
Commemorative Luncheon (in the school Gymnasium)	12:30 pm

** A Freewill offering will be accepted for the meal **

Messiah Lutheran Church
21485 Lorain Road
Fairview Park



Look for your
formal
invitation in
the mail

Menu

Adult

Pulled Pork
Chicken Breast
Baked Potato
Green Beans

Child (10 & Under)

Chicken Nuggets
Mac-n-Cheese
Cookie

*Children potty-trained
to 10 years old are
invited to a supervised
time of food and
entertainment in the
fellowship hall from
12:30 ~ 2 pm*

Reservations online or via return postcard by Sept. 8

Special 90th Anniversary gifts are welcome online
or with a special offering envelope

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Dated Materials

July/August 2019

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Drawing in to Christ . . . Building up in Christ . . . Sending out *for Christ* . . .
To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.



Early Fall Schedule

August 25: Golden & Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Rally Day Picnic 11:00 am

September 8: Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes
Worship 8:30 am & 11 am
Education Hour 9:50 am

September 29: 90th Anniversary Celebration
NO 8:30 am service
Annual Meeting 10 am
Festival Eucharist 11 am
Anniversary Luncheon 12:30 pm
(see pg. 11 for details)



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