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Messiah Lutheran Church
develops disciples who are:



*United
with Christ*

*Transformed
by Christ*

*Obedient
to Christ*

We are in the business of
making disciples...
who make disciples.

Happy INDEPENDENCE Day!

*A Celebration
of
Faith
& Freedom*

SUNDAY, JULY 5
9:00 AM

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Daily – Doggedly – Daringly

Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

I hear people talking about a big birthday celebration happening this month.

I know that it's not my birthday, because that was a bunch of snoozes ago.

They say it's America's 250th birthday. That sounds like a lot (but I'm not that good with numbers — I can only count to four, the number of treats I get from Miss Gerri).

I love America and especially the people that have helped protect it. I think they are called "vets" (but not a vet like my Dr. Kyle).

I've met a lot of these vets at Camp Hope over the years.

We plan to go back to Camp Hope in a few months to bring them dinner and share my Jesus' love with them. I'm sure you will hear more about that when we get closer to visiting them.

Until then, thank my Jesus for the great country we live in and thank a vet for protecting America for us.

250 years!

Isn't that PAWSOME?

Your friend,
Gabriel



From the Pastor



“God Bless Our Native Land”

God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.

When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

— Charles T. Brooks
John S. Dwight

Dear friends in Christ,

You and I are going to celebrate a national milestone this month: America’s 250th Birthday!

There will be festivals and fireworks and family get-togethers.

Here at Messiah, we will be celebrating Faith and Freedom in our July 5 worship service.

God worked a miracle during the founding of our nation. The founders had a conviction that guided them and galvanized them: liberties come from God and not government.

This conviction led to founding documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

In the Bill of Rights, the very First Amendment guarantees the freedoms of religion and assembly, the freedoms that allow us to gather on a Sunday morning to worship our God without fear of government intervention or oppression.

I fear that these freedoms are being threatened as many in America are embracing socialism and communism. Members of Congress and mayors of cities proudly wear the name Democratic Socialist.

We must remember that socialism is antithetical to the founders’ conviction, and the biblical truth, that rights and liberties are bestowed by the Creator, not the creatures He created.

If government is seen as the giver of our freedoms, that means government can take those same freedoms away, including the freedoms of religion and assembly, along with other liberties such as the freedom of speech and private property rights.

This is all to say that your Christian participation in the political realm, what we Lutherans call the Kingdom of Power, is crucial now more than ever.

Educate yourself, your children, your grandchildren about what is going on in local and national politics. Cast your votes in accordance with your Christian conscience and convictions. And above all pray for the well-being of your city, your state and your nation.

These are all examples of what Jesus called “rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s.” It is our responsibility as God’s people to live out our Christian citizenship as citizens of both our nation, the Kingdom of Power, and His Church, the Kingdom of Grace.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Engel




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JULY



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:00 Communion Service 10:15 Bible Study	6 9:00 Early Childhood Center Chapel	7 7:00 "Bible Bites" Discussion Group	8 9:00 Board/Council Meeting 7:00 "Bible Bites" Discussion Group	9 3:00 Brookdale Chapel Service	10	11 
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