JOIN A BIBLE STUDY OR MEETING GROUP THIS FALL!

Women’s Monthly Monday Evening Bible Study
Women of all ages are invited to join Deaconesses Ruth Mortensen and Jeanette Rebeck the third Monday of the month, beginning Sept. 18, from 7-8 pm. Our study will begin with the book, “40-Day Journey with Martin Luther,” by Gracia Grindal, who draws from Luther’s vast collection of works and selects 40 passages that raise profound truths about faith and life.

Pints with Pastor
Men of all ages are invited to join with Pastors Burce & Seth each Wednesday evening at 8 pm at Gunselman’s Tavern for informal discussion. Come as you can. Bring a friend!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Join Pastor Burce each Wednesday at 10 am for a Bible study in the north end of the Fellowship Hall. The group will be studying the prophet Zechariah this fall, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Crossways Bible Study
Crossways Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 pm in the north end of the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Burce will be leading Crossways starting with Part 5, The New Testament. If you’ve been curious to join Crossways, now is the time to join us! Crossways is a great way to journey through the Bible. To register, contact Kristine in the church office at 440.331.2405 or kkascak@messiahfp.org.

Faith at Work
Join Pastor Burce the first Tuesday of the month, beginning in October, from 7-8 am at Panera Bread in Rocky River. Faith at Work is a monthly meeting of people interested in exploring how the word of God sheds light on days spent in the workplace where we’re called to serve God.

This Week at Messiah

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Please Join Us for Lemonade on the Lawn
Lemonade on the Lawn follows the 8:30 and 10 am services on the front lawn of the church. We thank Sharon Ratvasky for organizing this time of fellowship for us this summer!

This Weekend is Last Weekend for Summer Schedule
Beginning Sunday, Sept. 10, Sunday worship services resume at 8:30 am and 11 am. Education Hour for children and adults meets Sundays from 9:50-10:40 am.
**New Member Class**

Are you interested in joining Messiah Lutheran Church? Or would you like to find out what being a Lutheran is all about? Join us for our next New Member Class, Tuesday evenings from 7-8 pm from Sept. 19-Oct. 17. Childcare is available by request. If you’d like to register, contact Kristine Kascak in the church office at 440.331.2405 or kkascak@messiahfp.org.

**Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord**

Messiah Church choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 7:30 pm in the choir loft under the direction of Interim Music Director Linda Kempke. If you are a freshman in high school or older, and love to praise God with your voice, please join us. For more information, email Linda at lkempke@cox.net.

Messiah Joy Ringers bell choir will resume weekly rehearsals beginning Monday, Sept. 11, from 7-8 pm. New members are always welcome. For more information, email Ruth King at kateeilg@gmail.com.

**Redeemer Crisis Center Volunteer Opportunity**

Volunteers are needed to help serve a meal at the Redeemer Crisis Center with a group from Messiah on Sunday, Sept. 10, from about 3:30-6:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Michele Kvintus at michelekvintus@gmail.com.

**National Youth Gathering Registration Due Sept. 15**

Youth entering grade eight through those who will graduate high school in 2018 are invited to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer. A non-refundable deposit of $150 and completed registration is due by Sept. 15. We estimate the cost of the trip will be around $1,200 per person, but in the past Messiah has been able to fundraise all costs except for the deposit. Questions? Contact Kate Ilg at kateeilg@gmail.com.

**Child Abuse Prevention Training Sessions**

If you will be supervising children at Messiah Church or School this year, you will be required to attend a one-time Child Abuse Prevention Training Seminar. Two session will available at Messiah this fall (you only are required to attend one) on Monday, Sept. 18, from 6-9 pm OR Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 9 am-noon. To register for a session, please contact Principal Helen Casselberry at 440.331.6553 or hcasselberry@messiahfp.org.

**Lutheran Oktoberfest is Sept. 9**

Greater Cleveland Lutheran Churches present Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 9, from noon-10 pm at the Metroparks Reservation Big Creek Reservation. Join us for food prepared by the Hofbrauhaus, Biergarden and three bands. To purchase tickets in advance, call 216.241.6000 or visit hofbrauhauscleleveland.com/oktoberfest1.

**Hurricane Harvey Response**

Please stand by our neighbors in the Gulf Coast as they begin the long road to recovering from Hurricane Harvey. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for “Hurricane Harvey – United States” will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete.

To make a donation, visit community.elca.org/USHurricaneResponse or call 800.638.3522. Or make a check payable to Messiah Lutheran Church and write “Hurricane Harvey” in the subject line. Messiah will count your donation toward your contributions and direct all funds to LDR. Please note: At this time, only cash donations are needed.

**Lutheran Marriage Encounter**

Lutheran Marriage Encounter sponsors a unique weekend enrichment for all Christian couples who value their marriage and understand that a growing marriage takes attention. The weekend offers the chance to focus on each other in an encouraging, safe and distraction-free environment. Nov. 3-5 at the Hotel Millersburg in Holmes County. For more information or to register, visit godlovesmarriage.org.

**Professional Moving Boxes**

Do you need moving boxes (or know someone who does) Professional moving boxes available at Messiah, donations appreciated. Contact the church office.

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**Rally Day Details!**

"God’s Work. Our Hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

At Messiah, we will acknowledge this day on Rally Day by collecting toiletries for Love INC., and food for the Fairview Park Hunger Center.

If you’d like to help, please pick up a reusable shopping tote at the back of the sanctuary or in the atrium this weekend; then fill it with the enclosed list of most needed items, and return the items to Messiah’s grocery cart in the atrium by Sept. 10. Please keep the reusable grocery bag for your own personal use! Thank you for helping our local community members in need.

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks with them to church next Sunday for a “Blessing of the Backpacks” at the 8:30 & 11 am worship services.

**First Communion/Confirmation**

Students in grades 5-8 and their parents should meet in the sanctuary next Sunday, Sept. 10, at 9:50 am for a First Communion and Confirmation meeting with Pastor Burce & Pastor Seth.

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Rally Fest Block Party details on page 15 of the bulletin!