

# Messiah Weekly Memos

## December 9, 2021



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### This Week at Messiah

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#### God's Word for This Coming Sunday

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

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#### For a children's bulletin

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### Weekend Service Times

\* Masks optional \*

**Saturdays  
(Dec. 18)**

**5:30 pm - Sanctuary**

**Sundays**

**8:30 am - in person & online**

**11 am - in person**

**9:45 am - Family Service (1/23)**

\*\* Masks are Required\*\*

For online services, [CLICK HERE](#)

\* **An audio recording of the worship service is available through any phone by calling 440-276-4450.** You can listen anytime with no charge. Ideal for people without a computer or internet access.

\*\* **The Parent's Room is now open for use during both in-person services. The Nursery remains closed** \*\*

Our 8:30 am Sunday Service is live streamed online. You can watch the service live or at your convenience.

Watch Online [HERE](#)

\* Continue scrolling for more information

## Stay Connected w/Messiah

December/January Monthly Memo, [CLICK HERE](#)

### Shining with Hope as We Gather Commitments

Last weekend we started gathering financial commitments toward the Lord's work at Messiah in 2022.

Take a moment, please, to thank God for the strong commitment of the saints at Messiah. We

are thankful for the 87 families who offered pledges so far.

Thank God as well for the encouragement we received on Sunday through Janice Snyder. [Click here](#) for her remarks. These are words to take to heart.

We'll continue to invite commitments over the next two weekends at church. You can also make them online. It's as simple as clicking [HERE](#). Fill in the form. Be sure to hit the "Submit" button.

We have a spectacular gift to share at Messiah Church and School. It's the Advent promise of God to make things right for the world and give us the life he has always wanted us to enjoy. With it comes the good news of Christmas that this project is already underway in our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks to him it's already unfolding right here at Messiah.

Your offerings will help us shine with hope in Christ next year. God plant glad and generous hearts in each and every one of us!

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### Offering Envelopes

Your 2022 offering envelopes are available for pick up outside our church offices. Please notify the church office if you do not see your name. Also notify us if you are giving online and prefer to not receive boxed envelopes in the future.

### Transition Team Update

The next meeting of Messiah's transition team is set for next Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The team will work on preparing questions for focus groups that will meet early next year. Team members include Joe Roman, Sharon Ratvasky, Mike Waugh, Mike Allan, and Janelle Stamper.

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### Christmas Joy Cards

Are you sending out Christmas cards this year? Have a few extras? Looking to spread the Joy, Peace and Hope this season? Here is something for you, Christmas *Joy Cards*.

Call the church office or email them and they will send you a list of 6-7 Home bound members or other member who need a loving, hopeful and good cheer this Advent/Christmas season. Thank you.

God's peace and blessings,  
Deaconess Ruth

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### Sunday School

We continue to offer Sunday School on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:45 - 10:40 am. Masks are required for adults and children while inside. We meet in the Atrium.

\*\* We look forward to seeing you on **December 19** and **January 16** (please note, there will be NO Sunday School on January 2).

### Messiah Monthly Outing Sunday, December 12 at 6 pm

Join your Messiah family, people of all ages from the church or school, for a monthly family outing. On Sunday, December 12 at 6 pm we will meet at Bain Park Pavilion and together walk down Seabury and adjoining streets to see the wonderful display of Christmas lights. Bring a warm drink if you'd like and we'll bring the cookies.

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[CLICK HERE](#) for the Sun. School Calendar

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### It's Time to Order Christmas Poinsettias!

The deadline for ordering Christmas poinsettias is Sunday, Dec. 12. The cost continues to be \$10 and you may indicate your purchase in honor of or in memory of a loved one(s). Poinsettias can be taken home after the





Christmas Day service.

Email orders to [church@messiahfp.org](mailto:church@messiahfp.org). Be sure to tell us who is giving, who they are in memory or honor of, and how many you would like.

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## Advent is Here!

It continues this Sunday—four weeks of refreshment in God’s great promises, the ones that remind us once again why Jesus was born. Will you have little ones at church or watching from home? Remind them to look for the Advent wreath and to listen for the Advent word of the week.

**Advent Evening Prayer** will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom on December 15.

Join the Zoom [here](#).

Meeting ID: 847 9934 2455

Passcode: 7rEqFY

**Daily Advent devotions** are a regular feature in many Christian homes. Look for booklets outside the church office on Sunday that will enrich your Advent prayers. If you’d like one sent to you at home, drop your request to [church@messiahfp.org](mailto:church@messiahfp.org) – or call.

## Bible Study

**Regular Zoom classes** continue next Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The morning topic: The Book of Isaiah. The evening topic: Walt Wangerin, Jr.’s “The Book of God.” For links to either of this, drop a note to Pr. Burce, [jburce@messiahfp.org](mailto:jburce@messiahfp.org).

At the **Sunday Education Hour** on Dec. 12: “What Christians Get to Believe about Repentance and Faith.” In the Commons at 9:45 a.m. You can also join via Zoom.

[Click here](#) to join and participate by Zoom.

**Meeting ID:** 857 0546 1086

**Passcode:** XRv9sG

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## Live Like a Trailblazer. Give Like a Trailblazer.

The Messiah Lutheran School nickname has been the Trailblazers since 1954. A Messiah School Trailblazer is someone who makes things happen, creates opportunities for others, and is focused on helping people in Christ’s name--just like you!

Advent is all about trailblazing. Anytime you choose to bring light into dark places, you are creating a trail. Many of our students today will grow up to have jobs that haven’t even been invented yet, so learning to find fresh and innovative solutions to ever-changing challenges is more valuable than ever.

Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving) was created in 2012 and set aside to celebrate the *generosity of giving*--a great American tradition! Messiah Lutheran School has participated in Giving Tuesday since 2015 as part of our annual Alumni Scholarship fundraising drive. Our Giving Tuesday Facebook campaign will be posted on the *Messiah Lutheran Church of Fairview Park* and *Messiah School of Fairview Park* pages from November 30 through December 13.

If you did not attend Messiah School yourself or send your children, you can still help ensure all children can access our quality education within a supportive faith community! A gift of \$5,500 covers the cost of one student’s Christian education for a year. Please consider sponsoring a child. God will bless gifts of any size! Give now:

<http://bit.do/MLSGivingTuesday> or make arrangements through the church or school office. Thank you.

Janice Snyder, Messiah School Admissions

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# Messiah High School Youth Group Fundraisers

## Candy Bar Sunday this Sunday!!!!

Candy Bar Sunday will continue for the next two Sundays!!!! The Youth Group will be selling candy bars this Sunday from 9:15-11:00 in the Atrium.

We have **Malley's bars** - milk chocolate pretzel, dark chocolate pretzel, crunch, & solid milk chocolate - for \$2. **World's Finest Chocolate bars** - assorted flavors - are \$1.

Cash or checks accepted. All proceeds will go towards our trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Thank you for your support!

P.S. Candy bars make excellent stocking stuffers!

## Shop to Donate

### THANK YOU, MESSIAH!

We earned over \$90 at our Cilantro Taqueria fundraiser last Sunday. Thank you for your support!

### FIVE BELOW

Our December fundraiser will be a "Shop-to-Donate" at the Westgate Five Below from Dec. 12-18. We will earn 10%. You must turn in a copy of the flyer at the register. Copies will be given out at church or can be printed. Download the flyer [HERE](#). Enjoy shopping.

## Wrap-Wrap-Wrap-Your-Gifts

Need help wrapping your gifts? Messiah teen's bound for Minneapolis are happy to help! Bring your gifts to church on Sunday, December 19, from 9:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to have your gifts wrapped with extra care... and even a Malley's bar!

Please plan to wait and or worship, while your gifts are wrapped. We'll have some gift wrapping supplies on-hand, and you're welcome to bring yours or donate to our stash. All tips received for gift wrapping will offset the cost of transportation to the National Youth Gathering.

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## Sunday Morning Education Hour

9:45 - 10:40am, In the Commons

Pr. Burce is using his final months at Messiah to share some personal discoveries about the Christian faith and the breathtaking promise of the gospel. Here are the topics for the coming weeks.

**Dec. 12:** "What Christians *Get* to Believe about **Repentance**"

**Dec. 19:** "What Christian's *Get* to Believe about **Where God Is**"

In the Messiah Commons, 9:45 to 10:45 am  
Available also via Zoom.

[Click here](#) to join and participate by Zoom.

**Meeting ID:** 857 0546 1086

**Passcode:** XRV9sG

## Confirmation Zoom Class

### 6th & 7th Grade

**January 9 @ 6 pm**

This coming Sunday, the 6th and 7th graders will meet at 6 pm via Zoom. Please sign up for the Zoom class, [HERE](#). The 6th and 7th graders will meet once a month on the 1st Sunday of each month, via Zoom, until it is possible for all to meet in person.

### 8th Grade

**December 19 @ 6 pm**

The 8th graders will meet once a month on the 3rd Sunday of each month, at 6 pm via Zoom, until it is possible for all to meet in person. Please sign up for the Zoom class [HERE](#).

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## Employer Matching Gifts

Contributed \$27,300 to  
Messiah in 2020

## Another Way To Give To Messiah At Year-End

· Do you own an IRA investment?



Many companies offer matching gift programs to educational institutions and non-profit charitable organizations. Messiah Lutheran Church and School qualifies as one of these organizations. We have been blessed to receive matching gifts over the years from the Benevity Impact Fund, Google, Key Bank, Lubrizol, PNC, Progressive Insurance, Schwab Charitable Fund, The Sherwin Williams Foundation, Thrivent Financial and more. Check with your Human Resources Department if this benefit is available to you. Don't miss out. This is the easiest matching gift program available. Questions? Contact Darlene Waugh, 440-331-2405.

- Are you age 70 1/2 or older?
- Do you need to make a distribution this year?
- Do you know you can make a required minimum tax-free donation to Messiah from your IRA?

As you think about your year-end donations, please consider directing your IRA distribution to Messiah Lutheran Church and School as another way of giving. Contact your investment officer to discuss this possibility. Thank you.

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## Are You A Thrivent Member?

Direct Your 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars to  
Messiah Church & School

If you are a Thrivent member you may have Choice Dollars to direct to Messiah Church & School. Choice Dollars are free to members and provide an opportunity to give back to a charitable organization. It's a gift that costs you absolutely nothing. Messiah is registered as one of the many charities in this program. Log into your Thrivent account or call **(800) 847-4836**. This is free money for Messiah Church & School and is likely already sitting in your account waiting to be donated. If you need additional help, call Darlene Waugh at 440-331-2405.

## Giving

Thank you for your continued, steadfast donations to Messiah. Your support is greatly appreciated. You may mail checks, give online or text to give.

- **Mail:** Messiah Lutheran Church  
(21485 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park, OH 44126)
- **Text:** 855-913-1744
- **Online:** [CLICK HERE](#)

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## You Can Help Our Neighbors Fight Food Insecurity

Our Little Free Pantry is part of Messiah's Laundry Love PLUS efforts to fight food insecurity in Fairview Park.

Members of our Care Team restock the box throughout each week, at an average cost of \$50 worth of groceries each time. Contributions are always welcome!



### **Best Winter Gifts for Messiah's Little Free Pantry include:**

- Mac & Cheese that is already prepared
- Tuna, canned meat, spam
- Canned foods with pop-tops (soups, stew, chili, pasta, vegetables)
- Cake mix & frosting
- Small bags of sugar and flour
- Cartons of broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Small bottles of cooking oil
- Soft baked breakfast bars and/or cereal
- Hot chocolate packets
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Holiday cookies
- Teabags or coffee
- Dishwashing detergent
- Feminine hygiene products
- Knit hats/gloves or socks

Donations can be left in the shopping carts in the area by the church elevator during business/worship hours. Thank you in advance for your generosity! For more information, contact Janice Snyder at [jsnyder@messiahfp.org](mailto:jsnyder@messiahfp.org)

## Online Giving & Text to Give

Thank you for faithfully giving to Messiah Lutheran Church.  
You can make a donation online by visiting [messiahfairview.org](http://messiahfairview.org).

Or, simply text your donation amount to **855-913-1744**  
It takes 30 seconds to register and 10 seconds to type a donation.

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