

Messiah Weekly Memos

January 20, 2022



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This Week at Messiah

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God's Word for This Coming Sunday

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19: 7-14

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Luke 4: 14-21

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Weekend Service Times

* Masks optional *

Saturdays

There will be **NO** Saturday Services in January

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.

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

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Pandemic Precautions

We thank God that COVID infection rates have gone down in Cuyahoga County in the weeks after Christmas. They are still high, however. The CDC continues to urge people in our area to wear masks in public gatherings. Let's keep encouraging each other to do the same when we come to church on Sundays. So too with other precautions—social distancing, no handshakes or hugs, wiping down pews at the end of each service.

Transition Team

This team has been meeting since October. It includes Michael Waugh, Janelle Stamper, Sharon Ratvasky, and Mike Allan. The leader is Joe Roman. The team's task is to gain a better understanding of the congregation's current needs, laying the groundwork for the formation of a call committee sometime this spring.

With this in mind, the Transition Team has developed a survey to gather information and insights from the members of Messiah. The responses from *you*, the congregation, will be very important in assessing our pastoral leadership needs after Pastor Burce retires at the end of July.

The survey will be distributed by email. We ask that each person in your household (18 and older) respond to the survey promptly.

If you don't use email and want the survey mailed to you, please call the church office at 440-331-2405.

The Transition Team will follow up this survey with a series of focus group meetings designed to expand on survey responses and gain additional input.

Please keep Messiah and the Transition Team in your prayers as we move through this important time together.



ShroveFest is Back for 2022 Only as a "To Go" Drive Through Option March 1, 11:30 am - 6:30 pm

We are excited to be able to announce ShroveFest 2022 on March 1st. After much discussion with our committee, we feel the safest way to organize this event is by offering "Shrove To Go - Drive Through Only." At this time, we are not able to safely offer ShroveFest as we have in past years. However, we are able to offer the same great food for you to take home and enjoy. ShroveFest To Go will be available for sale as both a lunch and dinner. Many helping hands are needed to continue to make this event a success. We need help smoking/pulling 120 lbs of pork, making 850 cabbage rolls and our delicious strudels. Please sign up where you are able, [HERE](#).

Family Communion Service Sunday, January 23 @ 9:45 am

Calling all Families! Looking for a way to connect with God as a family? This Sunday at Messiah, there is a special worship service designed specifically for families to worship and experience the Good News of God together. Masks are required. Communion will be shared. 9:45 am to 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School To Go

Do you want some Sunday School activities. Grab a Sunday School to Go bag off of the white table outside the sanctuary. They will be available this Sunday for all services.

Shining with Hope as We Gather Commitments

As the New Year dawns, we continue to invite commitments to the Lord's work at Messiah in 2022.

New Pictorial Directory for Messiah

We are beginning to plan for a new Pictorial Directory for Messiah. Our last directory was published in 2014. Before we continue with our plans, we need your help. Please answer

Thanks be to God for the many commitments we've received so far this month. We thank him all the more for the faith and generosity the Holy Spirit continues to nurture at Messiah.

Haven't made a commitment yet? You can do it by clicking [HERE](#). God be praised for you too!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ministry needs help! There are 3 people actively crocheting, but we are in need of a couple more willing hands! We only have 4 Baptismal blankets and 3 adult Prayer Shawls at the ready.

Interested? Contact Pam Sugrue at 216-513-4997 and she will give you more details. We do have yarn available at the church, so all we need are willing hands!

Dine-to-Donate at Applebee's

Come get a great meal, support a local business and help the Messiah Youth Group get to the ELCA Youth Gathering! Applebee's will donate 15% of your order back to Messiah's Youth attending the ELCA Gathering.

**Monday, January 31
11 am - close**

20705 Center Ridge Rd
Fairview Park, OH 44126

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Dine-to-Donate flier.

Sunday Morning Education Hour 9:45 - 10:40am, In the Commons

Pr. Burce continues to reflect on some key insights into the Word of God and the Christian faith that he's tumbled to over the past 40+ years.

This week's topics—
"What doctrine is and isn't for"

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

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

this simple question, [HERE](#). We appreciate your response.

In order for these directories to be financially successful, we need to engage an outside company to take the photos and for families to purchase their desired photo packages. Yes, it is possible for some families to submit an electronic photo.

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.

Candy Bar/Honey Sundays Sundays, 9:15 - 11 am, Atrium

Jan. 23: This Sunday!

Feb. 6: Stock up for Valentine's Day!

Feb. 13: Stock up for Valentine's Day!

Feb. 20:

Malley's bars - almond, milk chocolate pretzel, dark chocolate pretzel, crunch, & solid milk chocolate - \$2

World's Finest Chocolate bars - assorted flavors - \$1

Honey - \$14 per jar

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

Confirmation Zoom Class

6th & 7th Grade

February 6 @ 6 pm

The monthly 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

February 20 @ 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

A New Champion is Crowned!

The Messiah Church & School Fantasy Football League recently completed the season. Chris Neumann won the regular season with a tremendous record of 13-1, but the playoffs provided a surprising outcome.

Fred McCarty's team steamrolled through the playoffs and his team ran away with the crown! Congratulations to Fred McCarty and his team's impressive playoff run.

Here are the final standings:

First Place: Fred McCarty Team name: Blazers

Second Place: Alan Parrott Team name: Cranky Carnivores

Third Place: Nick Mitchell Team name: The Fantasy Football Team

And Thanks to our League Commissioner, Tim Casselberry! If you would like to join Messiah's Fantasy Football League next season, there is room for expansion. The league is fun, free, and a great way to get involved in Fantasy Sports.

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](#)

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

Online Giving & Text to Give

Thank you for faithfully giving to Messiah Lutheran Church.
You can make a donation online by visiting 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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