

Messiah Memos

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Drawing in to Christ . . . Building up in Christ . . . Sending out for Christ . . .



Worship at Messiah

Saturday

May 6
May 20
5:30 pm Holy Communion

Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion
9:50 am Education Hour
Adult—Weekly (in-person/zoom)
Sunday School—1st & 3rd Sunday
11 am Holy Communion

**Beginning May 28: Holy Communion services at 8:30 & 10 am.

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30 am—4 pm

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Midweek Memo & Flocknote

Don't receive a Messiah Midweek Memo every Thursday or periodic texts from Messiah? Email Danielle at dtwigg@messiahfp.org to be added to our communications.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Beginning May 28 through Labor Day, Sunday morning worship is at 8:30 and 10 am. Saturday evening services continue at 5:30 pm twice a month. Please join us each Sunday after both services for Lemonade on the Lawn, a time of fellowship on the front lawn beginning June 4.



ASCENSION SERVICE

Thursday May, 18

A celebration of our Lord's Ascension. This happens on the 40th day after Easter on Thurs., May 18, at 7 pm. It's a wonderful chance to remember that Jesus is Lord, and always will be. At this service, we make a point at this service of thanking God for the gifts of Word and Sacrament, by which our Lord continues to be with us always. A wine and cheese reception follows the evening service.

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF EVENT TO BENEFIT MESSIAH SCHOOL

Save The Date: June 10, 2023
Grey Hawk Golf Club

Foursome registrations for our annual golf outing are going fast. Already 28 foursomes have registered. We only have room to register another 8 foursomes before we sell out. Don't miss out.

Our annual golf outing has a new location this year. Grey Hawk Golf Club in La-Grange, OH. Cost \$125/golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with cart and range balls, lunch and steak dinner. Registration begins at 8 am with a shotgun start at 9 am, dinner, raffle, and prizes conclude the day.

This outing has sold out in the past with 120 golfers. With our new location, we can host 144 golfers. Contact Nancy Shucofsky by phone at 440-263-3550 or by email at nshucofsky@messiahfp.org. Hole sponsors are welcomed. Proceeds benefit Messiah School Scholarship Assistance for all students.

Register your foursome today at

mfp.fyi/2023TeeItUp

Registrations & payment needed by June 1.



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

PINTS WITH PASTOR

Wednesday, May 10 @ 7 pm

Join Pastor Seth on Wednesday, May 10 at 7 pm across the street from Messiah at Gungselman's. This is an informal opportunity to connect with others within the Messiah community and fellowship together.



FAMILY NIGHTS

Wednesday, May 17
@ 6 pm



Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at Messiah to celebrate as one big family. Come together with your friends and family to Eat, Play, and Pray.

Eat... 6 pm dinner is served. Bring a side dish (chips, fruit, veggies, side, etc) to share if you'd like.

Play... 6:30 pm activities begin.

Pray... 6:45 pm story time, followed by a devotion and prayer.

SAVE THE DATE!
JOIN US JULY 19TH AT 6PM FOR A SUPER-FAMILY-NIGHTS EVENT!
DETAILS TO COME BUT PLAN ON A FAMILY FUN POTLUCK PICNIC WITH PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDDOS!

Family Nights
July

NOTE THERE WILL BE NO JUNE FAMILY NIGHTS

Join us on May 17 for family night. There will not be a family night in June and will be back on July 19 for family night.

LAUNDRY LOVE!

Date: May 25

Time: 6—8pm

Where: Leo's Laundromat (20210 Lorain rd.)



Laundry Love is not a service project or something you do "to" or "for" people. It's an expression of loving your neighbor. On the last Thursday of every month, Messiah Church provides the community with clean laundry free of charge, a wonderful meal, and the opportunity to meet some new friends.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 17—21, 2023



This coming summer, Messiah will be offering a Summer Day Camp experience for school aged children. **This day camp is for children who have completed K - 6th grade.** Messiah will be partnering with Hopewood Outdoor Camps, formerly known as LOMO, to offer this week-long camp here on Messiah's campus. Trained summer camp staff will join with our own Messiah volunteers to offer this exciting Hopewood Connect Day Camp.

The Day Camp will be on July 17-21 from 9 am to 4 pm each day. The registration fee for Day Camp is \$100 per camper. **Registration is limited to 30 campers due to the ratio of camp staff to children.** If you are interested in signing a child up for VBS, for more information visit: mfp.fyi/MLCVBS2023

PIERSTORF COLLEGE FUND

COLLEGE LOANS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATION OPEN NOW!!

Pierstorf College Fund

The Pierstorf College Fund is a one-of-a-kind pan Lutheran financial aid program that provides interest-free loans to all Lutherans pursuing a higher education who live in the State of Ohio. These

loans are specific to students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$4,000 for the school year.

Founded in 1994, Pierstorf College Fund has awarded Lutheran students over \$12 million, allowing them to worry less about tuition and focus more on their goals. We do not ask for family income information, and strive to provide loans for every Lutheran college student. First time borrowers can be new or returning college students. For information, visit www.Pierstorf.org to complete the online 2023—2024 application. **Applications open April 15 and remain open until June 30, 2023.**

Questions? Email Pierstorf@messiahfp.org

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at Pierstorf College Fund for current updates. Scan the QR code to link directly to the application.



A Financial Blessing for Lutheran Students:
Pierstorf College Fund

FROM THE PASTOR



Pastor Steve

In the fall of 1997, when I was interviewing for the call to serve as pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church in Middleburg Heights, one of the questions that the call committee asked me to ponder prior to our first interview was, “What do you think are the top three issues facing the churches of America, and what is your position on each?” My answer was that I think that there is really only one issue facing the church in our time, but that it has many different “symptoms.” The issue is this: “How do we faithfully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a culture that no longer supports or ‘props up’ the church?”

If that answer was timely in 1997, it certainly is more so in 2023! Often in the past in our country many folks seemed to have assumed that being Christian was the same as being an American, or the same as being a nice, hard-working person. As the erosion of Christianity’s place in modern American culture continues at a rapid pace, it’s good for us to remember that the Gospel calls us to much more than being hard-working or nice. It calls us to be disciples, which means followers or students of Jesus Christ, and to equip and support one another as we do that. And that may mean more than just being a nice, hard working person. It may mean thinking of ourselves as life-long students, learning through regular worship and study what being followers of Jesus means for us.

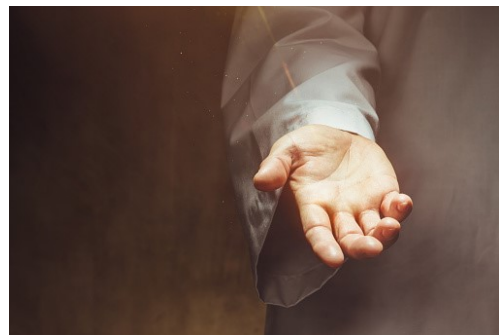
It also means that our focus should be on discipleship, not “membership.” If I had to think of one phrase that sums up what I see as a vision for our witness to the Gospel, that would be it. We need to equip and support each other in our being disciples of Jesus, and move away from the church as a place where certain religious goods and services are dispensed to “members.” Regular worship is the focus for that equipping and supporting, because that is the place where we hear and learn and experience what being Christian is.

As a young pastor many years ago, a friend of mine put a statement in his church’s worship bulletin every week. I ‘borrowed’ the phrase and included it in our worship bulletin at Bethel for nearly 24 years. Here’s what it says:

‘People coming together to BE the Church, not just attend one.’

As beloved disciples of Christ here at Messiah, you begin now the process of calling a pastor who will lead and serve you in a new day. As you do that, I have every confidence that the Holy Spirit will guide your deliberations and your discernment in this task. God’s blessings to you as you seek out to live your lives of discipleship in this place.

+ *Pastor Steve*



FAMILY NEWS

NEW MEMBERS



On Sunday April 23, we welcomed our newest members to Messiah Lutheran Church and into the congregation. Give them a warm welcome the next time you see them.

Rebecca Mines and Vincent Ubienski Jr. with,
Helaina Ubienski Mines

Thomas & Amy Sullivan with,
Larissa, Leslie, and Sean

Cheryl

WEDDINGS

Alexander Joseph Kocab &
Anna Marie MacBride
4/15/2023





MESSIAH LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Spring is the High Season for Admissions at Messiah School!

“At Messiah Lutheran School, we believe who children are is just as important as what they learn.”

We're busy bees in the Admission Office this month, due to the incredible number of inquiries into Messiah School for the 2023-24 school year—with 20 new students already enrolled, and ten more applications than this time last year. Our Preschool and Pre-K classes (offering 3-day and 5-day programs, with Morning and Full Day options) are capped at 24 students each. At this writing, Preschool for 3-year-olds has 10 seats open, and Pre-K is nearing a Waitlist. Families with multiple children are inquiring about all grade levels, and are touring and applying online.

Messiah Lutheran School teaches more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. Our staff gives children the wisdom, attention, and care they need to thrive now and in the future. We blend Christian values and service into our curriculum so students leave campus to lead meaningful lives of purpose. We aren't just Trailblazers. We're people of character. Are you looking to send your child or grandchild to a safe, convenient, and values-based school? Schedule a tour today (jsnyder@messiahpf.org) and come Home to Messiah. Classes are filling up quickly.

Our next **School Open House** will be held on **Thursday, May 18 from 10 am to noon**. Bring a friend! A campus visit is the best way to experience Messiah School's Joyful, Challenging, World-changing approach to education. Schedule your visit through the school portal at MessiahFairview.org or RSVP to Janice Snyder at jsnyder@messiahfp.org

Upcoming Events

May 5-7: Messiah School Drama Club performance dates of Annie, Jr! are May 5th at 7 pm, May 6th at 7 pm and May 7th at 2 pm in the school gym. Shows may be sold out! Check ticket availability in the school office.

June 10: Annual MLS Golf Outing has a new location this year and is booked at Grey Hawk Golf Club in LaGrange, OH. Cost \$125/golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with cart and range balls, lunch, and steak dinner. Registration begins at 8 am with a shotgun start at 9 am, dinner, raffle, and prizes conclude the day. Register online at mfp.fyi/2023TeeItUp **Register NOW, only 8 foursomes available**. All proceeds will benefit Messiah Lutheran School's Scholarship Fund.

Here are ways you can help:

• Event Sponsor: \$1000 • Hole Sponsor: \$250 • Longest drive: \$150 (2 available) • Closest to the pin: \$150 (3 available) • Golf in the Event: \$125 entrance fee • Donations for Prizes and Raffle Questions? Contact Nancy Shucofsky, by email at nshucofsky@messiahfp.org

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The greatest gift you can give Messiah School is your recommendation online and by word-of-mouth. Please share Messiah School benefits with your circle of friends, including our ability to offer Cleveland Scholarships to children (K-8) residing in Cleveland neighborhoods.

Thank You!

Your Sister in Christ,
Janice Snyder—Admissions Coordinator

HELP STOCK MESSIAH'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY

The Little Free Pantry is a Messiah outreach ministry (through Laundry Love) to alleviate food insecurity in Fairview Park. This month our Little Free Pantry is looking for specific donations for our neighbors in need.

- **Protein Foods:** tuna (canned in water), chicken (canned in water), canned beef stews
- **Grains:** canned pasta, dry noodles/pasta, cold cereals
- **Fruits:** canned fruit
- **Veggies:** canned tomato products, spaghetti sauce
- **Oils and Condiments:** vegetable oil, salad dressing, syrup, jelly/jam, honey, mayo

We ask that you please check the expiration dates on the food items you wish to donate.

Thank you!
Janice Snyder,
Laundry Love Care Team Leader



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL Preschool - 4th Grade

Sunday School, for Preschool thru 4th grade students, is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:45-10:30 am. The theme for this year is the Fruits of the Spirit. Sunday School meets in the Sunday School room on the same floor the Sanctuary across from the bathrooms.

Questions? Email Allison at allisonkyounger@gmail.com



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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Every Wed @ 10 am; In-Person & Via Zoom

Each Wednesday morning at 10 am, join Pastor Seth for a study of Colossians. We will be using the following resource for this course: The Mighty and the Mysterious: A Study of Colossians by *Heidi Goehmann*.

The class is taught as a hybrid class (In Person each week in the Commons at Messiah or participate via Zoom)

Meeting ID: 864 8011 0615 **Passcode:** 890748

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Night Bible Study meets via Zoom on Thursdays at 8 pm. It's a great way to connect with others and to study scripture together.

Each Thursday we will study one of the scripture passages for the upcoming weekend.

Meeting ID: 818 2419 9752 **Passcode:** 851330

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP IN THE ATRIUM

Doughnuts are available on the 1st Sunday of each month and coffee is available each week in the Atrium during the Education Hour.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The Messiah Youth groups meets most first and third Sundays of each month during education hour.

Upcoming dates are:
May 7 & 21 @ 9:45 am

Email ahenderson@messiahfp.org for more information.

BE A PART OF A PRAYING COMMUNITY

Contemplative prayer are an ancient prayer forms that revolves around one being quiet with God, to listen to God more than to speak to God. There are many forms of prayer in contemplative prayer, we will do three of them. Beginners are welcome. Come for one session, or both. You can join in-person or online via zoom. May God bless your time in quiet prayer.

***Wednesday, May 3rd** – Gate Keeper + Lectio Divina 6:45pm—7:45 pm - in the Commons

Join Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 864 8011 0615

Passcode: 890748

Questions:
Deaconess Ruth 440-734-6312

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

During the Month of May: About Time

What is time? What does the Bible say about time? Why is it so hard to manage time? How do I know if I'm using my time wisely? If you've ever asked yourself any of these questions, join Don Braun and Ron Coulter for a 5-week discussion of time during the Adult Education Hour from May 7—May 14. In ABOUT TIME, we'll look at Genesis 1 and Revelation 22 to learn about the beginning and end of time. We'll discuss Einstein's discoveries about relativity and time. We'll look at Ecclesiastes to shed light on why time feels like an enemy. We'll use Law-Gospel theology to analyze our relationship with time. Finally, we'll look at liturgy, lectionary, and Sabbath to find ways that the Bible and the church present an interpretation of time that offers hope and comfort. For more information, go to bit.ly/About-Time-MLC

The dates are:
May 7 & 14

Education Hour is from 9:50 to 10:40 am both in-person and via zoom.

Join Via Zoom: tinyurl.com/MLCSunAMEd
Meeting ID: 873 8625 2791 **Passcode:** 774370

GRIEF GROUP



Messiah's Grief Group, will take a pause for the summer and will continue in the fall. If you have interest in attending or have questions please email Pastor Seth at sbridger@messiahfp.org

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Words From The Education and Enrichment Committee

The last March/April issue of Messiah Memo presented brief biographies of the five members elected by the congregation to each of the three permanent committees of Messiah's Church Council. Section C13.03 of Messiah's Constitution adopted on 12/20/2003 establishes those committees known as A&F, E&E, and M&M by stating, *"The Congregation Council shall, from its members, appoint three standing committees consisting of Administration & Finance, Education & Enrichment, and Mission & Ministries to which the pastor (s) shall be a member ex officio. Each standing committee shall organize itself as it deems best in order to carry out its responsibilities."* The functions of each of those three committees will be described in subsequent Messiah Memos.

In particular, subsection C13.03(b) of that Constitution defines the role of the E&E Committee as follows: *"The Education & Enrichment Committee will be responsible for the following areas: Day School, Sunday School, Confirmation Program, Vacation Bible School, Adult Education, Women's Circle, Christian Fellowship, Youth Activities, Family Life, Other areas as assigned by the Church Council."* As its name implies, the duties of the E&E Committee are to ensure that Messiah provides a broad variety of educational and fellowship opportunities for members of the church and school of all ages, backgrounds, and interests, including enriching experiences to fulfill Messiah's mission to *"Draw into Christ, Build Up in Christ, and Send Out for Christ."*

The five current members of the E&E Committee are Don Braun (E&E Chair), Bethany (Roman) Henderson, Melissa Hollander (who is also Secretary of Church Council), Nancy Richter, and Jared Waugaman (who is also Messiah's Technical Manager). Messiah has been blessed with many skilled, talented, and willing volunteers in addition to an incredibly dedicated and gifted staff on whom the members of E&E rely to implement the numerous educational and enrichment activities at Messiah Church and School. Your assistance with leading or participating in many of those activities are welcome. Please prayerfully consider and contact any E&E member with your suggestions for new programs or improvements to existing ones. Offer your assistance to help conduct particular educational and enrichment activities as a way of serving our Lord at Messiah. Contact Don in person, by phone at (216) 408-1721, or by e-mail at DonCBraun@aol.com

WAYS TO GIVE

THE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION OF OHIO

(LGSOO) began this past year with the purpose of raising scholarship dollars for students to attend Lutheran schools. The response within Messiah has been strong. On Sunday, April 2 during the Adult Education Hour, current council member Jay Machado will share a presentation on this special opportunity. Everyone who is a taxpayer in the State of Ohio is eligible to become a donor and further Lutheran education. Come and learn how the funds already designated will be put to use to strengthen the mission within Messiah School.

WAYS TO GIVE

- * **Give Online** at messiahfairview.org; look for the "Donation" tab.
- * **Text Donations** to 855-913-1744 with the amount you would like to contribute (make sure to include the \$ before the amount)
- * **Mail:** Send a check via mail to Messiah Lutheran Church (21485 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park, OH 44126)



MAY 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
30 8:30a Holy Communion 9:50a Education Hr (Adult Ed) 11a Holy Communion	1 7p Joy Ringers	2	3 9a School Chapel 10a Bible Study 6:45p Contemplative Prayer	4 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p Bible Study via zoom	5 Cinco de Mayo No School—Teacher In-service day 7p Messiah Musical—Annie Jr.	6 5:30p Saturday Worship—Holy Communion 7p Messiah Musical—Annie Jr.
7 8:30a Holy Communion 9:50a Education Hr (Adult Ed, SS, MYGroup) 11a Holy Communion 2p Messiah Musical—Annie Jr.	8 7p Church Council Meeting 7p Joy Ringers	9	10 9a School Chapel 10a Bible Study 7p Pint w/ Pastor	11 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p Bible Study via zoom	12	13
14 Mother's Day 8:30a Holy Communion 9:50a Education Hr (Adult Ed) 11a Holy Communion	15 7p Joy Ringers	16	17 10a Bible Study 6p Family Night	18 9a School Chapel 10a Messiah School Open House 7p Ascension Day Service	19	20 5:30p Saturday Worship—Holy Communion
21 8:30a Holy Communion 9:50a Education Hr (Adult Ed, SS, MYGroup) 11a Holy Communion 12:30p 6-8th Gr. Confirmation	22 7p Trustees Meeting 7p Joy Ringers	23 Preschool 2-Day Last Day of School	24 9a School Chapel 10a Bible Study 6p Messiah School Spring Concert	25 6p Laundry Love 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p Bible Study via zoom	26	27
28 *Summer Schedule 8:30a Holy Communion 10a Holy Communion	29 Memorial Day Church & School Closed	30	31 9a School Chapel 10a Bible Study	1 8p Bible Study via zoom	2 Pre-K 3 & 5 Day Last Day of School	3 5:30p Saturday Worship—Holy Communion

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To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.



A Messiah Tradition— **Ascension Day Celebration** Thursday, May 18 7 pm

Ascension Day is a time to celebrate of our Jesus' Ascension. It's a time to sing and shout joyfully that Christ crucified is ultimately in charge of the world we know today and the future we step into tomorrow.

Ascension Day always takes place on a Thursday, which is exactly 40 days after Easter. This year service will take place on Thursday, May 18 at 7 pm. At this service we make a point to thank God for the gifts for Word and Sacrament (see Acts 1:1-11), by which our Lord continues to be with us always. A wine and cheese reception follows the evening service.

