

## News & Announcements

Sunday, February 4, 2024

### This Week at Messiah

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| Sunday 2/4    | 8:30 am<br>9:45 am<br>11:00 am<br>12:00 pm | Holy Communion<br>Edu. Hour (Adult Ed, Sunday School, My Group))<br>Holy Communion<br>Open Ceramic Studio           |
| Monday 2/5    | 7:00 pm                                    | Joy Ringers   |
| Wednesday 2/7 | 9:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>6:00 pm<br>7:00 pm  | School Chapel<br>Bible Study in Commons<br>Parent Teacher League Meeting<br>Pints With Pastor at Fat Head's Brewery |
| Thursday 2/8  | 7:00 pm<br>8:00 pm                         | Choir Rehearsal<br>Bible Study via Zoom   |
| Friday 2/9    | 10:00 am                                   | Grief Group in Commons  |
| Saturday 2/10 | 5:30 pm                                    | Holy Communion in Commons   |
| Sunday 2/11   | 8:30 am<br>9:45 am<br>11:00 am<br>12:00 pm | Holy Communion<br>Edu. Hour (Adult Ed)<br>Holy Communion<br>Open Ceramic Studio                                     |

### Recent "Stats" of Messiah

- 1 Sacrament of Holy Baptism with Autumn Johnson
- 1,033 Cabbage Rolls prepared for ShroveFest
- 147 pounds of pork smoked and frozen for ShroveFest
- 1 fog day for Messiah School
- 100 Women's foundational basics donated and 50+ bras given away at Laundry Love
- 75+ people attended the first three weeks of Open Ceramics Studio
- 128 parents and guardians of Messiah School appreciated for parent appreciation day during Lutheran Schools Week
- 63 in-person and 14 online participants for the Congregation Meeting 1/28

Questions about the call process email [messiahfpcall@gmail.com](mailto:messiahfpcall@gmail.com)

### Save The Date: Ash Wednesday & beginning of Lent

Wednesday, February 14

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday observances on Wednesday, February 14. Join for a noon worship service as well as a service at 7 pm on February 14. Join us weekly for Lenten Soup Suppers beginning on February 21 at 5:30 pm and continuing through March 20. Each week a different group involved at Messiah will be the primary host of the meal, everyone is invited to bring something to share.

### Are You A Thrivent Member?

Direct Your 2023 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

### Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio Donation Deadline Extended!

Good news! It's not too late to contribute to the LSGO for 2023. Recent legislation passed that allows a taxpayer to make the contribution up until the date you file your Ohio Tax return or the return due date.

If you have not already contributed for 2023 and have not yet filed your Ohio taxes, please consider doing so. Donation limits are \$750 for individuals and \$1,500 for married couples filing jointly.

You may also begin making contributions to the 2024 campaign—either in a lump sum or spread into periodic contributions between now and April 15, 2025. On behalf of Messiah Lutheran School, we wish to thank all donors who supported the LSGOO. Throughout 2023, 42 donors designated Messiah Lutheran School for their contributions. These donations help make private Lutheran education a reality for more students and families.

Please visit the website [www.clhsa.org/LSGO](http://www.clhsa.org/LSGO) for more information and to donate.

### Midweek Service & Soup Supper

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm  
February 21—March 20

Join for the five Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 pm to enjoy a relaxing social hour in the Fellowship Hall and a hot supper with a bowl of soup, bread, a beverage, and dessert. Soup Supper precedes the 7 pm Lenten worship service on February 21 & 28, March 6, 13, & 20. Join on February 21 and March 20 as Messiah hosts Family Night during Soup Supper. Everyone is invited to bring soup, bread, or dessert to share.



### Adult Education Hour

In-between worship services on Sundays at 9:45 am the Education and Enrichment Committee hosts Adult Education Hour. Join in-person or via Zoom as each week offers different topics and speakers.

**2/4:** Chris Neumann  
**2/11 @ 8:30 am:** "Stories Behind Hymns" - Deb Zudell-Dickey

**Meeting ID via Zoom:**  
893 7113 2137  
**Passcode:** 200357



### Grief Group

Friday, February 9 at 10 am

Have you recently experienced a loss? Chaplain Brent Raitz, Director of Spiritual Care & Chaplain at the Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital holds a Grief group meeting on Friday, February 9. This group meets at 10 am in the Commons and is intended for adults who have recently experienced a loss of any kind—loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of a pet, all are welcome.

### "Star Words" for 2024

In the spirit of the magi who followed the star to Bethlehem to worship Jesus the newborn King, the congregation is invited to select a "Star Word" for 2024. This year, Pastor Seth is inviting the congregation to pray and select their word to be compiled in a list of "Star Words." Visit [mfp.fyi/StarWords](http://mfp.fyi/StarWords) to enter your word. Additional yellow stars are on the table outside of the Church Office.

All of the "star words" of the congregation will be used in a special way in the coming weeks of Epiphany.



### Open Ceramics Studio Today 12-3 pm

Sunday Open Ceramic Studio is back starting! Mrs. Roman is ready to welcome our church, school, and community families into the art room on Sunday afternoons from noon to 3 pm to get creative with clay! All are welcome; bring a friend! No reservation required for this free family activity, and all projects are yours to keep. Come as you can, leave when you must. Children grade 4 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.



### Pints with Pastor

Wednesday, February 7 @ 7 pm

Join Pastor Seth on Wednesday, February 7 at 7 pm at **Fat Head's Brewery in North Olmsted**. This is an informal opportunity to connect with others within the Messiah community and fellowship together.

### Thank you, Messiah Congregation, and 2024 Pledging Update

Thank you, Messiah congregation, for your overwhelming support of our mission to draw in, build up, and send out. Your support at our congregational meeting last Sunday was encouraging and greatly appreciated.

**"You did not choose me, but I choose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."**

Over the past week, 20 additional pledges have been received bringing our total estimates of giving to 150 families. We write with gratitude for your faithful support. Estimates of giving pledge cards are still being received. It's not too late to offer your 2024 pledge to Messiah. Pledge cards are available on the table outside of the Church office.

### ShroveFest - Less Than Two Weeks Away! Tuesday, February 13 11:30 am - 6 pm

We are excited to bring back our ShroveFest Drive-Thru Event on February 13 - and share some awesome news! We are offering the same great food for guests to take home and enjoy. Featured entrees include Messiah's famous Cabbage Roll Meal, Pulled Prok Meal, and Combo Plates - with homemade strudel and packzies for dessert. Cabbage and Noodles will be available beginning at 4 pm.

- ShroveFest To Go will be available for sale as both lunch and dinner from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm.
- KidsShrove, Carry-Out, and ShroveLounge (more on that at the end!) will take place from 4-6pm

For all things Shrove please visit [www.mfp.fyi/Shrove](http://www.mfp.fyi/Shrove) for event details, menu, and volunteering opportunities. We are thrilled to see you again for another amazing event that happens only once a year!

So what is ShroveLounge? We heard many of you say that the fellowship that this event has brought over many years was missed - this is why we are offering space to mingle amidst fellow guests while you wait for your carryout order, or while children enjoy the excitement of KidsShrove. Come inside from 4-6 pm for Shrove ambiance with standing tables to gather around and connect. We can't wait to see you!

### Special Worship Schedule Sunday, February 11 at 10 am

February 11 is Transfiguration Sunday, join us at 10 am for worship. Come early for Adult Education class at 8:30 am in the Commons. This Sunday marks the final weekend before the Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Come and hear Bel Canto, Lutheran West's Singing Ensemble as they come to Messiah. The members of Bel Canto lead Chapel worship at Lutheran West, and visit various churches to provide music for Sunday services.

**Sunday, February 11 Schedule:**  
8:30 am Adult Education Class  
10 am Worship Service

Following the 10 am worship service, stay and volunteer to help prepare for the ShroveFest celebration including strudel making and advanced set up for the ShroveFest celebration on Tuesday, February 13.