

## "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.

### 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

# Family Nights

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### Laundry Love!

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 29

**Time:** 6—8 pm

**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.

## News & Announcements

Sunday, February 11, 2024

### This Week at Messiah

Sunday 2/11	8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Edu. Hour (Adult Ed) Holy Communion Open Ceramic Studio
Monday 2/12	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Joy Ringers Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 2/13	ALL DAY 11:30 am 4:00 pm	Messiah School Closed ShroveFest Drive Thru KidsShrove & ShroveLounge
Wednesday 2/14	9:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	School Chapel Ash Wednesday Worship Service Ash Wednesday Worship Service & Live Stream
Thursday 2/15	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 2/18	8:30 am 9:45 am  11:00 am 12:00 pm	Holy Communion Edu. Hour (Adult Ed, Sunday School, MYGroup) Holy Communion Open Ceramic Studio

### ShroveFest - Next Week!!

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 packzis 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!

### Family Nights Wed., Feb. 21 @ 5:30 pm

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at Messiah to celebrate as one big family. Come together with your friends and family to Eat, Play, and Pray.

**Eat...** 5:30 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.



### 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.

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

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

### Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio 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.

At this Sunday's service, Jay Machado is presenting more information on LSGO. After services Tom Ratvasky and Jay Machado will be available to answer questions.

The LSGOO purpose is to raise scholarship dollars for students to attend Lutheran schools throughout Ohio. That LSGOO makes it possible for Ohioans to contribute funds to be allocated to Messiah Lutheran School. Donors qualify to receive a non-refundable tax credit for their donation, which will be applied to their Ohio income tax liability, up to \$50 (or \$1,500 if married filing jointly).

Donation to the LSGOO on behalf of Messiah Lutheran School are accepted year-round. Please visit [www.clhsa.org/LSGO](http://www.clhsa.org/LSGO) for more information and to donate.

### Frequently Asked Question: How do I support Messiah Lutheran School through the LSGO of Ohio?

**Answer:** Donors to the LSGO of Ohio can specify participating school(s) to which their donations should be directed. Students and families of Messiah Lutheran School can directly benefit from your gift.



### 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.



### 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.

### 2024 Pledging Update

**"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, more pledges have been received bringing our total estimates of giving to 157 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.

### The Little Mermaid Donations Needed

The Messiah Drama Club students are working hard rehearsing for their next production, The Little Mermaid. They are looking for donation of unused/unopened makeup items. If you do not have those items to donate and wish to help in other ways please email Allyson Bolyard at [abolyard@messiahfp.org](mailto:abolyard@messiahfp.org).

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



### 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.