

News & Announcements

Sunday, February 18, 2024

This Week at Messiah

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| 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 |
| Monday 2/19 | ALL DAY | Church & School Office Closed— President's Day |
| Wednesday 2/21 | 9:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm | School Chapel Family Night & Soup Suppers Lenten Evening Service |
| Thursday 2/22 | 7:00 pm 8:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal Bible Study Via Zoom |
| Saturday 2/24 | 5:30 pm | Holy Communion—In The Commons |
| Sunday 2/25 | 8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm | Holy Communion Edu. Hour (Adult Ed) Holy Communion Open Ceramic Studio |

ShroveFest - Thank You!

Wow! That is the word that comes to my mind reflecting on another successful ShroveFest celebration. We were able to nourish an amazing amount of people—hundreds—and give them a glimpse of our wonderful Church. Those people included you, the people of Messiah Church, countless school families, friends, families, neighbors, and strangers. I cannot offer enough thanks in response to all of this. Thank you for supporting your Church in this ministry we perform. Thank you to the volunteers for everything that was given of time and energy—if you're like me, you're still recovering. Thank you to our customers, for enjoying a delicious meal while benefiting Messiah School. And thank you for listening to me talk about this event for another year (this may not be done yet even). With all of that said, the celebration is behind us and we can turn our focus to this Lenten season.

Appreciatively,
Jared Waugaman

Questions about the call process email messiahfp@gmail.com

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 161 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.

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

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.

Meal Train For New Parents

Church members Marielle Collins and Kyle Gooderham welcomed their new baby Rhone into their family in November. Their immediate family are all out of state. The Church is setting up a meal train to help them as they juggle new parenthood! They live on Coffinberry in Fairview Park. If you would like to volunteer to help this new family visit mfp.fyi/MealTrain to sign up.



Grief Group

Friday, March 8 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, March 8. 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.



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.

- 2/18:** “Symbols in Messiah Sanctuary” - Joe King
- 2/25:** “Church Music Comparisons” - Jared Waugaman

Meeting ID via Zoom:

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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.

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 for more information and to donate.

Frequently Asked Question: So what's the catch?

Answer: There isn't one! This program is as good as it sounds. It's a way for Ohio taxpayers to give support of scholarships at schools that means something to them, with the possibility of receiving dollar for dollar tax credit against Ohio state tax liabilities.

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.



Midweek Service & Soup Supper

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
February 21—March 20

Join us 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.



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.



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.

New Fairview Park Hunger Center Director Visiting Messiah

Sara Jovanovic is the new Director of the Fairview Park Hunger Center. Sara will be joining us for worship on Sunday, February 25 at both worship services at 8:30 & 11 am. The Fairview Park Hunger Center was begun by the Churches of Fairview Park in the 1990's and instrumental in the early days were Dorothy Raun and Pastor Theilo of Messiah. We are delighted that Sara has begun leading the mission of the Hunger Center and look forward to her visit.

On the weekend of February 24 & 25, we will be collecting paper products (paper towels & toilet paper) to help stock the shelves of the Fairview Park Hunger Center. Messiah is a generous community and look forward to taking up this special collection of paper towels and toilet paper in support of the local community.