

News & Announcements

Sunday, February 26, 2023

This Week at Messiah

Sunday 2/26	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Education Hour (Adult Ed) Holy Communion
Monday 2/27	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Joy Ringers Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 2/28	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday 3/1	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:45 pm	Messiah School Chapel Bible Study Soup Supper Lenten Midweek Service Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 3/2	8:00 pm	Bible Study via Zoom
Saturday 3/4	5:30 pm	Saturday Evening Worship
Sunday 3/5	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	Holy Communion Education Hour (Adult Ed, Sunday School, First Bible Class, MYGroup) Holy Communion 6—8th Grade Confirmation

Lent at Messiah

Each weekend, worship services will be framed by the theme of *"Steps Toward Faith."* Sermon series based on the Gospel lessons, highlighting Jesus' encounter with a different person each week.

* **March 5:** Nicodemus

* **March 12:** Woman at the Well

* **March 19:** Man Born Blind

* **March 26:** Lazarus

Lenten Soup Suppers

Each Wednesday during Lent, the Church community will gather for a Soup Supper from 5:30 to 6:45 pm in Messiah's Fellowship Hall & Commons.

Wednesday soup suppers will take place on March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Lenten Midweek Services

Each Wednesday during Lent there will be an opportunity to worship at 7 pm using the ELW Evening Prayer liturgy. Wednesday services will take place on March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Saturday Evening Worship During Lent

Each Saturday during Lent, Saturday evening worship services will be offered in the Commons. These worship services begin at 5:30 pm and include opportunities for worship, praise, prayer, and receiving Holy Communion. Saturday evening worship will take place on February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Lenten Devotions

New Lenten Devotions Available

Lenten devotional books are now available to be picked up in the office area of Messiah. There are devotions for adults and for youth and families to use throughout the season. Daily devotionals are meaningful ways to grow in connection with Christ and encounter the holy in our daily lives.

First Bibles

Sunday, March 5 & 12
9:50 - 10:40 am

Parents and second graders are invited to attend two sessions of a First Bible Class on Sunday, March 5 & 12 from 9:50-10:40 am in the second grade classroom, led by Nancy Richter. Bibles will be presented to students on Sunday, March 12, at the 11 am worship service.

We look forward to sharing in this step of faith with you and your child. If you will attend, please contact the church office at church@messiahfp.org or 440.331.2405 so that we purchase a Bible for your child.

Save-the-Date

Save the date for Messiah's annual Tee It Up golf outing on June 10. Our new location is Grey Hawk Golf Club in LaGrange. Look for registration information in the near future. This outing is quite popular and registration fills quickly, we are limited to 144 golfers. We look forward to seeing you on the greens. In the meantime, direct questions to Darlene at dwaugh@messiahfp.org.

New Face in Messiah's Church Office

Last month we published a part time job description to expand our church office staff. We are excited to announce that Diane Ward has joined our team. Diane is with us Tuesday through Thursday mornings. She is the new voice on the phone. Her primary responsibilities include producing church bulletins and communications. Diane received her MBA in Business Administration from Baldwin Wallace. She retired from her full-time position in 2022 after spending 30 years in supply chain management. She regularly attends the 11 am service. Please cordially welcome Diane to Messiah.

Altar Guild Flowers

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers for a week? The 2023 sign up calendar is on the table outside the church office with available dates. The flowers can be for a celebration or remembrance of a loved one and can be taken home after the Sunday's late service.

The cost is \$40 for flowers.

Members that have signed up for the past years for your special remembrances, please contact Debbie if you would still like to have the flowers for 2023.

Questions? Contact Debbie Luekens at 440-829-5612 or Luekens111@gmail.com.

ShroveFest 2023 Thank You

On behalf of the ShroveFest 2023 Committee we want to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this event a success. To long hours of prep and set up, to the actual event - volunteers made it possible. Thank you to those who took time out of their busy schedules to pull off another successful year of ShroveFest. Without your help we could not have made the large community impact we did - look out for the final numbers coming soon. Praise the Lord that our 12th annual event was a huge success, made possible by all the wonderful volunteers.

Messiah School Musical Props & Costumes Needed

Leaping Lizards! Messiah Lutheran School Spotlighters are in the midst of rehearsals for *Annie Jr.*! Information about tickets and performances will be coming soon, but we need your help in the meantime. Our production crew is in search of props and costume pieces to make our show a success. As you can imagine, space is limited and we have a specific vision for the show, so we appreciate an email with a picture of the prop before you bring it to the building. Send pictures to abolyard@messiahfp.org and wait for a reply. We appreciate all your help and willingness to bring theater to Messiah.

Visit mfp.fyi/AnnieJr for the prop and costume list.

***Refresh *Re-energize & *Reconnect Lutheran Marriage Encounter**

Virtual Experience
March 3 -5

You can participate from the comfort of your own living room using Zoom.com video conferencing with your computer, laptop, or tablet! The session will start at 7:00 Central time on Friday, March 3, 2023 and will end by 12:30 pm Central time on Sunday, March 5, 2023

\$75/couple to cover programming expenses, supplies, and mailing costs - making this one-of-a-kind experience only \$37.50/person! This payment is required at time of online application using your credit/debit card, or with registration and payment offline by check. Financial assistance is available for those in need - please contact us prior to applying.

For more information and to register go to Godlovesmarriage.com
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