

**Pizza, Family, Friends, & FUN!
Friday March 8, 2024 @ 5:30 pm**

Open gym activity night sponsored by Messiah Youth Group. Enjoy pizza, family, friends and tons of fun! Families and friends of all ages are welcome to come support our high schoolers bound for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Come enjoy pizza, a G-rated movie, Open Gym, games, face painting and more!

When: Friday, March 8 5:30-8 pm

What: Family fun with structured kids' activities, open gym and movie!

What to bring: Your whole family, parents will need to accompany their children

Food: Concessions complete with pizza, snacks, beverages, and baked goods will be available for sale (All proceeds will fund this trip to New Orleans!)

Where: Fellowship Hall, Commons and Gym

**Palm Sunday Bake Sale
& Breakfast
March 23 & 24, 2024**

Enjoy a gourmet Palm Sunday on March 24 with breakfast featuring frittatas, Ohio sausage links, pancakes, and more. This meal will be **offered between 9–10:45 am in Messiah’s Fellowship Hall**. A freewill offering/donation will be collected for the Gathering in New Orleans. **During breakfast, visit our Psring Gift Basket Raffle.**

Planning to worship Saturday evening on March 23? We’ll see you there with a pre-sale of baked goods and raffle tickets.

Proceeds benefit our teens headed to New Orleans this July. If you would like to offer a homemade or store-bought nut-free baked good, or have questions, reach out to NOLA Trip Coordinator, Pastor Shelley, (513) 635-7594

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



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.

News & Announcements

Sunday, March 3, 2024

This Week at Messiah

Sunday 3/3	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Edu. Hour (Adult Ed, Sunday School, MYGroup) Holy Communion
Monday 3/4	7:00 pm	Joy Ringers
Wednesday 3/6	9:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	School Chapel Soup Suppers Lenten Evening Service
Thursday 3/7	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Bible Study Via Zoom
Friday 3/8	5:30 pm	Pizza, Family, Friends, & Fun!— In Gym
Saturday 3/9	11:00 am 5:30 pm	Laundry Love—The Wash House Holy Communion—In The Commons
Sunday 3/10	ALL DAY 8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Daylight Savings Time Holy Communion Edu. Hour (Adult Ed) Holy Communion



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.

3/3–3/17: “Musings on Mark”

Chris Neumann

Meeting ID via Zoom:

893 7113 2137

Passcode: 200357

Questions about the call process email messiahfpcall@gmail.com

Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio Deadline Extended!

Good news! It's not too late to contribute to the LSGO for 2023. Thank you to the 49 families who have already supported this mission. 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 \$750 (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: What if I want to give more than the amount that is eligible for an Ohio income tax credit?

Answer: That would be wonderful! Any amount above what is eligible for the state credit can be recorded as an itemized deduction on your Federal Income Tax return.

Q: I cannot afford to make a one time contribution, are there other options?

A. Yes, you can schedule monthly recurring contributions in manageable amounts on the website or make a one time contribution in any amount.

Special Collection of Paper Products for the Fairview Park Hunger Center

We are 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. Paper Towels and Toilet Paper **donations can be placed in the Church Office area beginning this weekend.**

Laundry Love!

Date: Saturday, Mar. 9
Time: 11am—1 pm
Where: That Wash House (15149 Lorain Ave)



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.

Midweek Service & Soup Supper

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
March 6—March 20

Join us for the next four 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 March 6, 13, & 20. **Come March 20 as Messiah hosts Family Night during Soup Suppers.** Everyone is invited to bring soup, bread, or dessert to share.



Daylight Savings Time Sunday, March 10

It's that time of year. **Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour on Sunday, March 10 as we spring ahead.** Worship services will be at 8:30 and 11 am that Sunday with Education Hours at 9:45 am.

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.

Collection of Paper Products For Fairview Park Hunger Center

A big thank you to those who have donated paper products, we are still 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. Donations can be placed in the Church Office area.

The Little Mermaid Donations Needed

The Messiah Drama Club students are working hard rehearsing for their next production, The Little Mermaid. If you want to donate items, an Amazon Wishlist has been created for specific items needed by the drama department. Visit mfp.fyi/DramaClubWishList to view the list. When purchasing through the Amazon Wishlist, **select "MLS Drama Club" as the delivery address** and the items will be shipped directly to Messiah instead of your address. Questions? Email Allyson Bolyard at abolyard@messiahfp.org.

Pints with Pastor Friday, March 15 @ 5:30 pm

Join Pastor Seth on Friday, March 15 at 5:30 pm at the **Donauschwaben (7370 Columbia Rd, Olmsted Falls)**. This is an informal opportunity to connect with others within the Messiah community. Come for the Lenten Fish Fry, order have to be in by 7:30 pm, and stay for the conversation and fellowship.