

Change In Hours

The Fairview Park Hunger Center has new evening hours on Tuesday from 5-7 pm. An evening time has been added as a way to allow more Fairview Park resident's to access the resources the Hunger Center. Other hours are Tuesday at 1-3pm and Friday at 1-3 pm each week. Pick-up or drop-off donations can be made during that time. Spread the word to friends and neighbors and let them know about this change!

Visit their website for more details.

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.

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

You CAN Have The Relationship You've Always Wanted! November 17-19, 2023

Learn unique insights and tools that can re-ignite your love by improving your communication skills! Lutheran Marriage Encounter is a weekend of learning that can help you reap joyful long-term rewards for your relationship, your family relationships, and your faith journey. Your relationship **Deserves** marriage encounter!

November 17-19, 2023
Fairfield Inn & Suites—Streetsboro, OH

Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org

Questions? Contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen

D.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net
440-734-6312

**Meals and side dishes will be catered by local Bob Evans and Honeybaked Ham Restaurants! Cost per couples is \$275, which includes lodging, meals, and program materials. Pre-registration is required to secure your room and meal reservations—don't miss out!*

Weekly Fellowship

Coffee, goodies, and Fellowship Hour takes place in-between services on Sunday during Education Hour from 9:45-10:45 am. Meet in the South end of the Fellowship Hall. This new location will make for easier set-up and service, and hopefully facilitate more connections! Coffee may be taken up to the Atrium area, or into the Commons for Adult Education. Please be careful to limit spills and please clean up after yourself if any spills do occur. We are grateful for the current team on Fellowship Hosts, and if you would be willing to help host Fellowship on a Sunday morning, please contact the Church Office.

News & Announcements

Sunday, October 22, 2023

This Week at Messiah

Sunday 10/22	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Baptism of Clara Mitchell Education Hour (Adult Edu.) Holy Communion Baptism of Olsen Bing
Monday 10/23	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting Joy Ringers
Wednesday 10/25	9:00 am 10:00 am	Messiah School Chapel Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thursday 10/26	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Laundry Love—Leo's Laundromat Adult Choir Rehearsal Thursday Night Bible Study Via Zoom
Saturday 10/28	5:30 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 10/29 *Reformation	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Education Hour (Adult Edu.) 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. The topic for this week is continuing the discussion on "Earth's Climate"

10/22: Church History—Pastor Seth Bridger

10/29: Pastor Seth Bridger Presenting

11/5: Messiah Special Voters for New Constitution o Mike Allan

To join via Zoom visit mfp.fyi/AdultEduHour

Meeting ID: 893 7113 2137

Password: 200357

Laundry Love!

Date: Thursday, Oct. 26

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.



Questions about the call process email messiahfpcall@gmail.com



REFORMATION DAY

October 29 8:30 & 11 am

Reformation is a yearly festival celebrating the religious revolution that took place in the Western church in the 16th century. Reformation will be celebrated next weekend at all service, Saturday at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 8:30 & 11am. During the Sunday services the organ will be joined by a brass quintet (two trumpets, French horn, trombone and tuba), which includes members of Messiah congregation. Come join out festive worship!

Wear something Red to service!

Confirmation

During the month of October, all young people currently in grades 6, 7, and 8 will meet for Confirmation Class on the following days:

October 22: 12:30-1:30 pm
October 29: 9:45-10:45 am on Reformation Sunday!

Confirmation classes meet in the Middle School "Faith Formation" classroom on the first floor of Messiah's Middle School building. At least one parent or significant adult is asked to attend each class session with their young person. Questions? Please contact Pastor Seth at

sbridger@messiahfp.org

The next set of Confirmation Classes will be 11/5, 11/12, and 11/19 from 12:30—1:45pm. Covering the topic, "How & Why do we Pray, Praise, and Participate (in Worship)?"



Brew Crew

In the fall of 2019, for the 90th anniversary of Messiah Lutheran, a small team of congregation members met at a local Brew Kettle and made a special batch of beer. A second edition was crafted and distributed in 2021. A third batch has been brewed in celebration of Reformation this year.

Bottles will be available on Reformation Weekend. To reserve your order ahead of time, visit

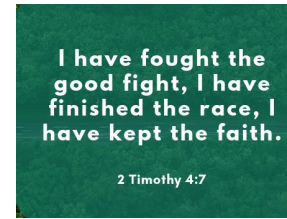
mfp.fyi/HoldMyBeer

Thanks to the small team of brewers: Steve and Debbie Schneider, William Baker, and David Kucera.

1st Communion

Young people currently in grade 5 have begun weekly First Communion Classes. These classes are taught by Dale and Deaconess Ruth Mortensen. Classes are held each week on October 22. The classes are from 9:45-10:45 am in the school library. The school library is located on the 2nd floor above the "Parents Room."

Young people who successfully complete the instruction will take part in their first communion on Reformation Sunday, October 29 during either the 8:30 or 11 am service. Parents are welcome to attend the classes with their children.



\$4,000 Challenge Grant to "Finish the Race"

This passage comes to mind as together we "finish the race" for our unplanned Preschool room renovation. This week, Messiah was presented with a gift in the form of a challenge. Together **Messiah is challenged to raise \$4,000 by October 31**, the other half will be a dollar for dollar match for a total of \$8,000 needed to finish the project. Since this gift was presented we have already received \$2,635 in support. \$1,365 to go - we can do this!

To help with this challenge, **please make your check payable to Messiah Church and write Preschool Project on the memo line.** Online and text donations are also available. To donate, visit MessiahFairview.org.

New Members Class November 5, 3-6pm

Interested in learning more about Messiah Church and School? Pastor Seth is offering a "new members" inquirers class on Sunday, November 5 from 3 pm to 6 pm. The class session will be held in the North end of Messiah's Fellowship Hall. A shared meal will be part of the class session on Nov 5th. Please email Pastor Seth at sbridger@messiahfp.org to register for the class session.

Messiah's Constitution

Messiah's current constitution was last revised and approved in December 2003. Many changes in the larger church and in such things as basic technology have necessitated revisions in accordance with the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Model Constitution was adopted by the Constituting Convention of the ELCA and approved by the Churchwide Assembly in September 2022. Importantly, an up-to-date constitution assures that Messiah is able to proceed with our pastoral call process. Accordingly, the Church Council has recommended changes to our existing constitution and will present them to the congregation for approval at a special meeting during Education Hour **starting at 9:45 am on November 5**. To indicate your interest in attending the meeting and learning more about our new constitution, whether in-person or online, mfp.fyi/Constitution. Your cooperation is requested so that we may have a more accurate count of the number of full copies that will be needed at the meeting. In the meantime, please direct any questions to any member of the church Council.

Love Inc Coat Drive

It may not seem like it yet, but cold weather is just around the corner and many residents of Cuyahoga County are in need of a warm coat. The coat drive has begun! Bring coats to Messiah Church and place them in a box by the Church Office. We will be **accepting donations until October 26**.

Love INC is especially in need of:
Women's coats 1X-4X
Men's coats 1X-4X
Children coats