

**God Loves Marriage**  
**April 25-27, 2025**



Enrich your relationship with your spouse. Learn unique insights and tools that can reignite 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. April 25-27, 2025 at Fairfield Inn & Suites in Streetsboro, Ohio. Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org) Questions? Contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen [d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net) (440) 734-6312. Meals and side dishes will be catered by local Honey-baked Ham and Ruby Tuesday Restaurant. Registration is \$100 per couple. Pre-registration is required to secure your room and meal reservations—don't miss

**Grief Group**  
**Friday, April 11 @ 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, April 11. 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.



**Do you pay Ohio income tax?**  
**There is a way to pay less.**

Not only is it legal, but it is ethical, and it is a way to benefit Messiah Lutheran School. This year, when you prepare your tax returns, do the following:

1. Take a look at line eight on your Ohio Individual Tax Return—do you have a tax liability?
2. If yes, would you like to reduce it by \$750 (or \$1500 if filing jointly)?
3. If yes, don't file your taxes just yet, but do the following:
  - a. Go to [LSGOohio.org/givetomessiah](http://LSGOohio.org/givetomessiah) and follow the links to donate \$750 (joint filers have to do it separately for each filer)
  - b. Be certain to select Messiah Lutheran as the recipient
  - c. When you receive your official letter of receipt, enter your donation as a Non-refundable Credit on your Ohio tax return and subtract it from what you owe
  - d. Now file your taxes, sit back and wait for your refund

Owe less than \$750 (\$1500 joint) in Ohio Taxes, simply give Messiah School (through LSGO) what you do owe, then you pay nothing to Ohio.

Last year, your fellow Messiah Church members transferred their taxes of \$37,400 to Messiah School. Come join them.



**News & Announcements**

Sunday, March 30, 2025

**This Week at Messiah**

Sunday 3/30	<b>8:30 am</b> 9:45 am <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Education Hour <b>Holy Communion</b>
Monday 3/31	7:00 pm	Joy Ringers
Wednesday 4/2	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm <b>7:00 pm</b>	School Chapel Morning Bible Study Soup Supper <b>Lenten Evening Worship</b>
Thursday 4/3	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Bible Study Via Zoom
Friday 4/4	ALL DAY	No School—Messiah Lutheran
Sunday 4/6	<b>8:30 am</b> 9:45 am <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Education Hour <b>Holy Communion</b>



**2025 Lenten Devotion Book**

A Lenten Devotional Guide has been assembled, ***A Gift of Hope, Faith and Love***, by your very own members of the Messiah community. Each day of Lent, a Messiah member, faculty, or friend offers a scripture, prayer, and brief reflection. Copies are available on the table outside of the Church office. Special thanks to all those who contributed to this project. We pray you will listen to and take comfort from God's Word as it reminds you of God's never-ending mercy. For the full booklet visit: [mfp.fyi/Devotion](http://mfp.fyi/Devotion)

**Lent at Messiah**

Lent is a forty-day season of penitence and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The forty days begin on Ash Wednesday (3/5) and end on the Saturday Easter Vigil (4/19). This Lent, we focus on Christ opening our life to what he would have it be. "It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbor" (Martin Luther).



**Important Dates:**

April 2 & 9 - Soup Supper @ 5:30 pm & Lenten Evening Worship 7 pm  
 April 14—Palm Sunday @ 8:30 & 11 am Breakfast & Bakery @ 9-10:45 am  
 April 17—Maundy Thursday Worship @ 12 pm & 7 pm  
 April 18—Good Friday @ 12 pm & 8:30 pm  
 April 19—Easter Vigil @ 8 pm  
 April 20—Easter Sunday @ 6:30, 9, & 11 am

**Soup Supper  
Midweek Service  
& Soup Supper  
April 2 & 9 at 5:30 pm**



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 services on April 2, & 9.** Join on April 9 as Messiah hosts Family Night during Soup Supper. Everyone is invited to bring soup, bread, or dessert to share.

**Order Easter Lilies!**

Easter lilies remind us of our Savior's resurrection and beautify our chancel on Easter morning. Easter Lily plants cost \$12 each. You may take flowers home after the services on Easter Sunday. Return this form and cash or a check payable to "Messiah Lutheran Church" to the Church Office **by Sunday, April 13.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Easter Lilies Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed cash or check for (\$12/each): \_\_\_\_\_



**Palm Sunday Breakfast & Bakery  
April 13 9-10:45 am**

You are invited! Join family and friends at this year's **Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on April 13, 2025, from 9:00AM to 10:45AM.** A fabulous breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs and other tasty treats will be available.

Your **freewill offering** for breakfast will help fund our summer picnic later this year. Our Palm Sunday to Summer Picnic theme celebrates two great fellowship opportunities this year where we can come together as a church family.

Breakfast will be available for dine-in or carryout. As part of the celebration, we invite **everyone to bring a dessert or baked good** to share during breakfast.

Whether you're attending the early or late service, we welcome you to come, eat, and fellowship with us.

All are invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there! "Together in Fellowship, Preparing the Way of the Lord."



**Pints With Pastor  
Tuesday, April 8 @ 7 pm**

Join Pastor Seth on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 pm at **Fat Head's in North Olmsted.** Why on Tuesday? Because the 5th and final Lenten Soup Supper & Lenten Wednesday Worship opportunity will be on April 9. This is an informal opportunity to connect with others within the Messiah Community.



**Messiah's Annual Golf Outing  
June 7, 2025**

Save the date for Messiah's annual Tee It Up golf outing on June 7. We are returning to 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 Nancy Shucofsky

[nshucofsky@messiahfp.org](mailto:nshucofsky@messiahfp.org)



**Altar Guild  
Flowers**

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers for a week? Or light the presence candle in remembrance?

The 2025 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. Light the presence candle for \$15.**

Questions? Contact Debbie Luekens at 440-829-5612 or [Luekens111@gmail.com](mailto:Luekens111@gmail.com)



**Pierstorf  
College  
Fund**

**Have a college age student? Apply to the Pierstorf College Fund  
Applications open April 15**

The Pierstorf College Fund is a one-of-a-kind pan Lutheran financial aid program that provides interest-free loans to all Lutherans pursuing a higher education who live in the State of Ohio.

For more information visit [www.Pierstorf.org](http://www.Pierstorf.org) to complete the online 2025-2026 Application.

**Foundations Courses**  
Registration now open for:  
**Lutheran Confessions**  
Thursdays nights from 6-9 PM  
March 20 - April 24  
Cost: \$65 for this 5-Week Class  
Location: Zoom  
[www.growinginfaithohio.org](http://www.growinginfaithohio.org)

**Register Now!**

**Practical Courses**  
Registration now open for:  
**Cultural Diversity**  
Thursdays nights from 6-9 PM  
March 20 - April 24  
Cost: \$65 for this 5-Week Class  
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