



Summertime Contemplative Prayer June 14, July 12, & August 9

Contemplative prayers will occur the second Wednesday each month at 6:45–7:45 pm. This will be an in-person prayer session located in the commons.

Prayer is our personal response to God’s presence in our lives. Stepping away from the many tasks of the day and sitting quietly with God, learning to listen for God’s still small voice and being graced with God’s blessings. That is our intention. Each contemplative prayer session will begin with scripture followed by our listening and responding. If you have a prayer journal, bring it, if not, paper for journaling will be provided.

Prayer doorways: Lectio Divinia, prayer journaling, mandalas, centering prayer. One prayer doorway will be offered each night.

Led by Deaconess Ruth Mortensen

Thank You Messiah!

Recently, Messiah Lutheran made a financial gift to support Pastor Bryan Reeves as he walked 312 miles from Cleveland to Gary, Indiana in an effort to raise money for Ascension Lutheran School in Gary. Pastor Reeves is married to Stephanie (Elliot) Reeves, a 1994 Lutheran East High School graduate. Stephanie, who graduated from Cleveland State and Valparaiso University, serves as the Head of School at Ascension Lutheran Christian School, whose mission is to “*lift God’s children through the Gospel.*”

In an effort to increase funding for Ascension Lutheran Christian School and awareness of God’s work through Ascension in the Gary, IN area, Pastor Reeves walked 312 miles. His walk route took him from St. Phillip’s Lutheran Church in Cleveland to his home congregation in Gary. Pastor Reeves says that St. Phillips is “where he first felt called into ministry.”

Here is a Thank You note from Pastor Reeves:

Greetings,
This is Pastor Bryan Reeves—thewalkingpastor! I have recently completed our 312 mile walk fundraiser on behalf of the staff and scholars of Ascension Lutheran Christian School in Gary, IN. Upon completion, our team shared with me the note that was sent from your congregation, WHAT A BLESSING! Thank you for your prayer and financial support for our fundraiser. It is my prayer that God continues to bless and keep you and the parishioners of Messiah Lutheran Church and School. God’s blessings and Much Love!

- **Pastor Bryan Reeves**

News & Announcements

Sunday, May 21, 2023

This Week at Messiah

Sunday 5/21	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Education Hour (Adult Ed, Sunday School) Meet Adele, the therapy dog Holy Communion
Tuesday 5/23	ALL DAY	Messiah School—Last Day for 2-Day Pres-School
Wednesday 5/24	9:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Messiah School Chapel Bible Study Messiah School—Spring Concert
Thursday 5/25	6:00 pm	Laundry Love—Leo’s Laundromat
Sunday 5/28	8:30 am 10:00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Monday 5/29	ALL DAY	Memorial Day Messiah Church Office Closed Messiah School Closed

*Summer Worship Schedule

The weekend of Memorial Day Weekend (5/28) will be the start of the summer worship schedule. Worship services will be held at **8:30 am and 10 am**. There will be a pause for all Education Hour activities until the fall.

Laundry Love!

Date: Thursday, May 25

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.

Save-the-Date

Saturday Service

Saturday, June 3

Lemonade On The Lawn

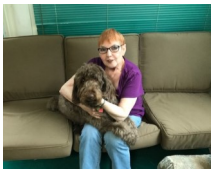
Starting Sunday, June 4

Tee It Up! Golf Outing

Saturday, June 10

Contemplative Prayer

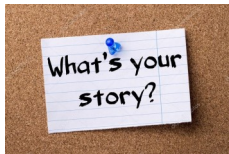
Wednesday, June 14



Adult Education Hour

Are you a dog or animal lover? Have you ever been curious about "Pet Therapy"?

If so, come meet Adele! And her human "Mom"! This Sunday's Adult Education Hour will feature congregation member Rae Szabo. She will be sharing stories from her experiences with her beloved dog, Adele. Adele is a highly trained therapy animal. Weekly, Rae and Adele visit multiple local nursing homes and bring joy to all they encounter! This is a unique ministry to which Rae and Adele have been called, and they have stories (and Love!) to share.



Faithful Stories

This coming summer, we will be hearing stories from people within Messiah's congregation about the ways God has been actively at work in their lives. These "Faithful Stories" will be shared as brief verbal moments during weekly worship. If you have a "Faithful Story" to share and would like to share it, please talk with Pastor Seth or email him at sbridger@messiahfp.org



Vacation Bible School July 17-21, 2023

This coming summer, Messiah will be offering a Summer Day Camp experience for school aged children. This day camp is for children who have completed K - 6th grade. Messiah will be partnering with Hopewood Outdoor Camps, formerly known as LOMO, to offer this week-long camp here on Messiah's campus. Trained summer camp staff will join with our own Messiah volunteers to offer this exciting Hopewood Connect Day Camp.

The Day Camp will be on July 17-21 from 9 am to 4 pm each day. The registration fee for Day Camp is \$100 per camper. **Registration is limited to 30 campers due to the ratio of camp staff to children.** If you are interested in signing a child up for VBS, for more information visit:

mfp.fyi/MLCVBS2023

Lutheran West Youth Summer Camp

'Go West' this summer with Lutheran West Youth Summer Camps! Camps take place in June and July at Lutheran West in Rocky River and include Baseball, Basketball, Camp Invention, Cooking, Football, Soccer, Track & Field, Volleyball, and Drama.

Registration is now open! To register a child and for more information visit www.LutheranWest.com/Camps



Tee It Up! Golf Outing Save the Date: June 10

Only ONE foursome remaining. **Don't miss out!**

Our annual golf outing has a new location this year. Grey Hawk Golf Club in LaGrange, OH. Cost \$125/ golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with cart and range balls, lunch and steak dinner. Registration begins at 8 am with a shotgun start at 9 am, dinner, raffle, and prizes conclude the day.

This outing has sold out in the past with 120 golfers. With our new location, we can host 144 golfers. Contact Nancy Shucofsky at 440-263-3550 or nshucofsky@messiahfp.org. Hole sponsors are welcomed. Proceeds benefit Messiah School Scholarship Assistance for all students.

Register your foursome today at mfp.fyi/2023TeeItUp

Submit payment with registration no later than June 1, 2023.

Messiah's Ministry Encounters

The Mission and Ministries ("M&M") committee of Church Council is shining a light on the various ministries of Messiah. This year, consistent with the "ENCOUNTERING" stars we heard about from Pastor Seth at Epiphany time, M&M has created a "Star Board" that is a "Ministry Resource Map" of Messiah's Ministry Encounters to lift up in a visual way the ministries that Messiah supports. Our objective is to make it easier for people to engage and volunteer with those ministries. The ministry resource map shows a "constellation" of stars that represent specific ministries that are supported by Messiah and with which M&M hopes more people will become engaged.



Pierstorf College Fund

Pierstorf College Fund Application OPEN!

A financial aid program to provide interest-free loans to all Lutherans pursuing a higher education who live in the State of Ohio. Students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited university. The maximum interest-free loan is \$4,000 for the school year. First time borrowers can be new or returning college students.

We do not ask for family income information, and strive to provide loans for every Lutheran college student. For information, visit www.Pierstorf.org to complete the online application. **Applications OPEN NOW and remain open until June 30, 2023.**

Questions? Email Pierstorf@messiahfp.org