

**Make a difference today!**

Love INC is one of Messiah's incredible mission partners. They are looking for volunteers in various roles. Love INC's offices are located in Brooklyn Heights and there are opportunities for answering the phones, working in our clothing room, mentoring people one on one or coordinating resources. Training is provided. Please contact us at 216-459-0405 or email [info@loveinccuy.org](mailto:info@loveinccuy.org). Visit [www.loveinccuyahoga.org](http://www.loveinccuyahoga.org) for more information.

**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 sign up visit [mfp.fyi/FaithfulStories](http://mfp.fyi/FaithfulStories) You can also speak privately with Pastor Seth or email him at [sbridger@messiahfp.org](mailto:sbridger@messiahfp.org)

**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**

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
In-Person & Via Zoom  
June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26,  
August 9 & 23**

Every other Wednesday during the summer at 10 am, join Pastor Seth for a study from the Letter to the Colossians. We will be using the following resource for this course: The Mighty and the Mysterious: A Study of Colossians by **Heidi Goehmann**.

The class is taught as a hybrid class (In Person each week in the Commons at Messiah or participate via Zoom)

**Meeting ID:**  
864 8011 0615

**Passcode:** 890748

**News & Announcements**

Sunday, June 4, 2023

**This Week at Messiah**

Sunday 6/4	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Holy Communion Lemonade On The Lawn Holy Communion Finley Paton Baptism MYGroup @ Bain Park
Tuesday 6/6	ALL DAY  2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Messiah School—Last Day for K-8 Students Messiah School—Closing School Chapel Messiah School 8th Grade Graduation
Wednesday 6/7	7:00 pm	Pints with Pastor—Gunselman's
Thursday 6/8	8:00 pm	Bible Study Via Zoom
Saturday 6/10	8:00 am	Tee It Up! Golf Outing
Sunday 6/11	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	Holy Communion Lemonade on the Lawn Holy Communion

**Messiah School Graduation**

On June 6, at 7 pm Messiah School will celebrate the graduation of the 8th grade students. Join us for the ceremony to highlight each student as they transition from Messiah to high school. With one class per grade level, these students have grown close to each other over the years. The students have also grown close with the teachers who educated them, the pastors who guided them and other staff who supported them. It will be a sweet goodbye knowing Messiah prepared them well for all of their future endeavors. Come and join in the celebration and the send off of the 8th grade students!



**Congratulations To:**

Brooke Chaney, Taylor Cipollo, Yaraliz Henderson, Camille Johnson, Sophia Marountas, Lydia Sayers, Dahlia Walker, Blake Williams

**Save-the-Date**

**Contemplative Prayer**

Wednesday, June 14

**Holy Communion**

Saturday, June 17

**MYGroup**

Sunday June, 25

**Laundry Love**

Thursday, June 29

**Church Picnic**

Sunday, August 27



### Pints with Pastor

Wednesday, June 7 @ 7 pm

Join Pastor Seth on Wednesday, June 7 at 7 pm across the street from Messiah at Gunselman's. This is an informal opportunity to connect with others within the Messiah community and fellowship together.



### 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 a prayer session that happened in person, 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



### Vacation Bible School

July 17-21, 2023

This 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](http://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. Programs 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](http://www.LutheranWest.com/Camps)

## 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](http://www.Pierstorf.org) to complete the online application. **Applications OPEN NOW and remain open until June 30, 2023.**

Questions? Email [Pierstorf@messiahfp.org](mailto:Pierstorf@messiahfp.org)

### Call Committee Installed, Begins Work

On Pentecost Sunday, May 28, six people were installed to serve on the committee to call the next Senior Pastor at Messiah. These six people are: **Sam Gmetro, John Hayduk, Jay Machado, Kathy Neumann, Rachel Roeder**, who will be serving as the committee chair, **and Allison Younger-Waugaman**. The committee is working with Pastor Mitch Phillips, assistant to the Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, as well as Pastor Steve Krebill, our interim pastor. The committee has met twice and in addition to other forms of communication, they will be making regular updates to the congregation at Sunday worship services once a month, starting June 25. Please pray for these dedicated people and for the presence of the Holy Spirit as they engage the task of seeking a new senior pastor to serve our congregation and community.

### Upcoming Trip: The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

One Body, Many Members: Anti-racist Conversations Affinity Group of the NEOS is sponsoring a trip to visit the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday, July 22.

The museum entrance fee for an individual is:

- \*Adults: \$15
- \*Seniors: \$12
- \*Youth: \$12

(There is a one dollar discount for groups 15 or more.)

There is a parking fee of \$7 per vehicle at the Cultural Center Parking Lot.

Make your reservation by contacting, [jsmith@neos-elca.org](mailto:jsmith@neos-elca.org), by **June 15**. Space is limited. Car pooling is available. Please indicate if you are able and willing to drive, and how many you can transport.

Meet in the parking lot of Good Soil Lutheran Ministries, **20300 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, at 8:30 a.m.** We will depart the museum by 2:00 p.m. Travel time is approximately 2.5 hours.