

## News & Announcements

Sunday, September 17, 2023

### This Week at Messiah

Sunday 9/17	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Education Hour (Adult Ed.) Confirmation Kick Off Holy Communion
Monday 9/18	7:00 pm	Joy Ringers
Wednesday 9/20	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Family Night
Thursday 9/21	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal Thursday Night Bible Study Via Zoom
Sunday 9/24	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Education Hour (Adult Ed.) Rededication of the Preschool Room Holy Communion Annual Meeting
Monday 9/25	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Band Practice Joy Ringers

### Trunk Or Treat

Sunday, October 15  
2-4 pm

Gather your little ghouls and goblins for Trunk or Treat at Messiah Church & School on October 15 from 2-4 pm. Come dressed in your costume and walk our parking lot, trick or treating from trunk to trunk. This is a free community event! Candy donations are welcomed. Please drop off in the church office.

Would you like to be a trunk host? Sign up at [mfp.fyi/TrunkOrTreat23](https://mfp.fyi/TrunkOrTreat23)



### 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](mailto:Luekens111@gmail.com)



### Contemplative Prayer

October 11

Be still and know that I am God—

#### Psalm 46:10

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know

Be still

Be

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. Held on the second Wednesdays of the month. Time: 6:45—7:45 pm. We'll meet in the Commons.

In October, we will do contemplative prayer. November will be a free form prayer session and healing service.

### An Opportunity to Reduce Your Ohio State Tax Liability

The Ohio legislature approved the formation of Scholarship Granting Organization (SGOs) and Messiah Lutheran School has been accepted to participate in the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio (LSGOO).

For more information, visit <https://www.lsgoohio.org/>



### Important Upcoming Dates:

**Sunday, September 24:** Congregation Annual Meeting. Begins at 11:30 am, after the 10 am worship service. In-person and via livestream.

#### Worship Schedule for Sunday, September 24:

**8:30 am** Education Hour "The Earth's Climate Crisis" forum in the Commons

**9:30 am** Rededication of the Pre-K classroom

**10 am** Worship and Livestream

**11:30 am** Messiah's Annual Meeting in-person and via Zoom Link Below

Messiah will offer one worship service on Sunday, September 24 at 10 am.

Education Hour will begin on Sunday, September 24 at 8:30 am in the Commons. The topic of the Earth's Climate. Our national ELCA denomination has recently released a new social message exploring the topic from a faithful perspective, and the special **Education Hour will include food and drink and fellowship**. At 9:30 am there is a rededication for the newly renovated Pre-K classroom.

The **Annual Meeting** will begin at approximately **11:30 am**, following the 10 am worship service. Participation in the Annual Meeting is encouraged both in-person, and via remote using this Zoom link visit: [mfp.fyi/AnnualMeeting](https://mfp.fyi/AnnualMeeting)

**Meeting ID:** 878 8702 6740

**Passcode:** 555519

## Confirmation Kick-Off

Confirmation is an essential part of the faith formation of young people as they grow in Christ and mature as Christians. Beginning in grade 5 with First Communion Instruction and continues through grade 8. Each of the 4 years of Confirmation Instruction is specially designed for the developmental age of the young person.

On Sunday, September 17 Pastor Seth will be hosting a Confirmation Kick-Off. Each young person grades 5-8, and at least one parent are invited to meet during the Education Hour from 9:45 to 10:45 am in the Sanctuary in-between worship services.

Attend weekly instructional classes each Sunday in October at 9:45 am.

## Family Night

Wednesday, September 20  
at 6 pm

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at Messiah to celebrate as one big family. Come together with your friends and family to Eat, Play, and Pray.

**Eat...** 6 pm dinner is served  
**Play...** 6:30 pm activities begin  
**Pray...** 6:45 pm story time, followed by a devotion and prayer

**Family  
Nights**  
SEPTEMBER

## Fresh Veggies

Outside on the 215 side of Messiah by the Little Pantry there is a table is set up with fresh produce grown by people in Messiah. Please take what you desire, wish or need. If your garden has produced extra yields that you wish to share please contact the Church Office. We will offer this table weekly throughout the season.



## Laundry Love!

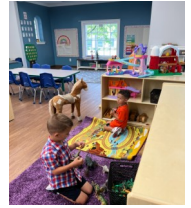
**Date:** Thursday, Sept. 28  
**Time:** 6—8 pm  
**Where:** Leo's Laundromat  
(20210 Lorain Rd.)

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.



## Preschool Room Renovations—Week 14 Update

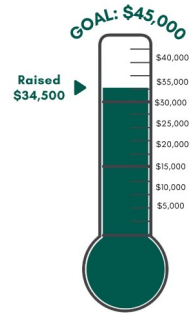
Thanks to the generosity of many families Messiah Lutheran School's preschool classroom repairs are complete. What started as a disaster on Christmas Eve turned into a huge blessing for our facility. Our classroom is finished and we welcomed 24, 4-year-old students on September 5 for the start of a new school year. Thanks be to God.



Through this process, families shared several "remember when" stories. We heard about baptisms, confirmation services and weddings in the original chapel. We were excited to discover the original barrel ceiling of Messiah's church from 1935, and more excited to be able to restore that ceiling. Although this repair was completely unplanned, Messiah is blessed to open a beautifully remodeled classroom.

There is still time to help with your donation. \$10,500 is needed to fully fund this project. If you are moved to make a donation to help with the cost of the renovation project, **please make your check payable to Messiah Church and write *Preschool Project on the memo line***. Online and text donations are also available. visit [MessiahFairview.org](http://MessiahFairview.org) to donate.

**All are invited to a rededication of this space on Sunday, September 24 at 9:30 am.** Come to hear stories, the history of this space and meet out Preschool teachers. The original blueprints from 1935 will be able to be viewed. They give a great perspective and history of Messiah Church. We hope you will join us!



## Building Hope In The City: 20 Years of Lessons Learned

On Saturday, September 23, BHITC is hosting a morning event focused on blessing city ministry leaders and volunteer's. The organization's director will be sharing some of the hard (and joyous) lessons learned over BHITC's 20 years.

It's our hope that this simple event encourages others on the front lines of ministry, non-profit entrepreneurship and a calling to love our city well. And, best of all, it's free! To RSVP visit [BuildingHopeInTheCity.org](http://BuildingHopeInTheCity.org)

Building Hope In The City has open roles and is accepting applications. Visit the "Work With Us" page on the website for more details

