

## News & Announcements

Sunday, January 26, 2025

### This Week at Messiah

Sunday 1/26	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b> Education Hour <b>Holy Communion</b> Open Ceramic Studio Messiah School Open House
Tuesday 1/28	7:00 pm	Mission & Ministry Committee Meeting
Wednesday 1/29	9:00 am 10:00 am	Messiah School Chapel Morning Bible Study
Thursday 1/30	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Laundry Love—The Wash House Choir Rehearsal Bible Study via Zoom
Sunday 2/2	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b> Education Hour <b>Holy Communion</b> Open Ceramic Studio Messiah Hymn Society
Monday 2/3	7:00 pm	Joy Ringers

### 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)



### Messiah Hymn Society

February 2 & 16 @ 5 pm

Join us to sing any hymn you want! Our meetings include lots of hymns to sing, discussion about hymns, and a lesson on hymnody. This is not a worship service, but an informal get-together of anyone who loves hymns. If we have the hymn you want to sing, we will sing it! If not, we will during our next meeting.



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### Grief Group

Friday, February 14 @ 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, February 14. 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.



### Christian College Fair

February 26 12:30-2:30 pm

Find your Christian College at the Northeast Ohio college fair. Come to Lutheran High School West (3850 Linden Road, Rocky River).

To register for the event, visit: [FindYourChristianCollege.com](http://FindYourChristianCollege.com)

### Pints with Pastor

Wednesday, February 12

Join Pastor Seth on Wednesday, February 12, at 7 pm at Fat Heads Brewery in North Olmsted. This is an informal opportunity to connect with others within the Messiah community and fellowship together.

This location is:  
24581 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted



### Messiah School Open House

January 26, 1-3 pm



### Messiah Lutheran School

A new calendar year means that Messiah School is excitedly preparing to welcome families to a new school year in 2025-2026. On Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 pm, we will host our annual All-School Open House. Our trained Student Ambassadors from grades 4/5 are enthusiastic and knowledgeable tour guides. When a friendly, articulate Messiah student tells a visiting family, "This is what I love about our school..." it speaks volumes! Talk to our students, meet our staff, tour our campus, take an "inside look" into our Messiah School ministry, and ask LOTS of questions. Call 440-331-6553 to RSVP. You can also schedule a personalized tour and consultation at your convenience by emailing Admissions Coordinator Janice Snyder:

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



### Adult Education Hour Sundays @ 9:45 am

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.

To join via Zoom visit:  
[mfp.fyi/AdultEduHour](https://mfp.fyi/AdultEduHour)  
Meeting ID: 893 7113 2137  
Password: 200357

### Children's Church

**What:** A time for young ones to do a craft, learn a song, and be together

**When:** Every week during the 11 am worship service; after the Children's Time with Pastor. Children will return for communion

**Who:** Squirmy, squiggly, potty-trained children. Parent participation welcome but not required or expected

Questions? Contact Claire Connelly, (918) 402-4386,  
[CBCConn@gmail.com](mailto:CBCConn@gmail.com)



### Open Ceramics Studio Sunday @ 12 pm

Open ceramic studio is returning for its 12th season starting **Sunday, January 19 and runs through February 23**. Mrs. Roman invites YOU - our church, school, and community families - into the art room on Sunday afternoons from noon to 3 pm to get creative with clay! All are welcome; bring a friend! No reservation required for this free family activity, and all projects are yours to keep. Come as you can, leave when you must. Children 4th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

### Confirmation Corner

Confirmation is a significant faith formation ministry in the Church. All current 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grade aged young people are invited (and very much encouraged) to be part of the Confirmation Ministry program.

**Join us for the following dates:**  
**"The Apostles Creed . . . & Me!"**

January 26 - During the Education Hour at 9:45 am



### ShroveFest March 4, 2025

Messiah's annual tradition of reaching the community through delicious meals is only made possible when our church comes together.

Check out the physical sign up board in the church office area to see how you can help make ShroveFest happen. Sign up online to be added to the board if you won't be at church in person today, visit:  
[mfp.fyi/SignUpShrove](https://mfp.fyi/SignUpShrove)

As always, direct any questions to Jared Waugaman in person, via phone 216-236-5353 or  
[jared@waugaman.tech](mailto:jared@waugaman.tech)

**We can't wait to see you on March 4th and the preparation days leading up to it!**



### 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](https://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.



### Laundry Love Jan. 30 @ Wash House - 6 pm Feb. 8 @ Leo's - 10 am

Two opportunities to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with paying for their laundry. If this event resonates with you, please join us to offer Love, Dignity, and Detergent to our neighbors in a unique, meaningful and relation way. Email Janice Snyder at [jsnyder@messiahfp.org](mailto:jsnyder@messiahfp.org) for more information!



**Where:** The Wash House & Café (15149 Lorain Ave, Cleveland)  
**When:** Thursday, January 30  
**Time:** 6 - 8 pm

**Where:** Leo's Laundromat (20210 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park)  
**When:** Saturday, February 8  
**Time:** 10 am - Noon