



Messiah Hymn Society
February 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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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



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



West Shore Meals On Wheels

Volunteers Needed!

Westshore Meals on Wheels Rocky River-Lakewood Kitchen is looking for volunteers to deliver meals on Wednesdays as well as volunteers for our kitchen on Fridays. If you are unable to commit to one day a week, we also need substitute volunteers to fill in as needed. Please contact Kathy Blackwell at (440) 333-6298 or rlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org

News & Announcements

Sunday, February 9, 2025

This Week at Messiah

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| Sunday 2/9 | 8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm | Holy Communion Education Hour Holy Communion Open Ceramic Studio |
| Monday 2/10 | 7:00 pm | Joy Ringers |
| Tuesday 2/11 | 7:00 pm | Church Council Meeting |
| Wednesday 2/12 | 9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm | Messiah School Chapel Morning Bible Study Pints with Pastor—Fat Head's Brewery |
| Thursday 2/13 | 7:00 pm 8:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal Bible Study via Zoom |
| Friday 2/14 | ALL DAY 10:00 am | Valentine's Day Messiah School Closed Grief Group—In The Commons |
| Sunday 2/16 | 8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm | Holy Communion Education Hour Holy Communion Open Ceramic Studio Messiah Hymn Society |
| Monday 2/17 | ALL DAY 7:00 pm | President's Day—Church & School Offices Closed Joy Ringers |

Messiah's Souper Bowl of Caring
Sunday February 9, 2025

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."



Since 1990, close to \$200 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring, the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at a hunger-relief charities across the country.

As we get ready to watch the Chiefs and the Eagles play for the title of champions, we can be champs, too, in our giving and care for our neighbors in need! **Please bring non-perishable food items and personal care items to church on or before Super Bowl Sunday, February 9. Pick your favorite team or stay neutral by placing your items in the designated carts in the Atrium.** May our community be the winner!

ShroveFest
March 4th 11:30a-6:30p

We are so blessed to be able to come together as a church and reach the community that surrounds us. We are excited to bring back our ShroveFest Drive-Thru March 4! We are offering the same amazing food as in years past for you to take home and enjoy. Featured entrees include Messiah's famous Cabbage Rolls Meal, Pulled Pork Meal, and Combo Plate - with homemade strudel and packzies for dessert. Cabbage and Noodles will be available beginning at 4 pm.

ShroveFest To-Go will be serving lunch and dinner from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm KidsShrove and Carry-Out will take place from 4 to 6 pm

Many helping hands are needed to continue to make this event a success. During the event we need help in the kitchen, packing bags, handing out orders and more! For all things Shrove please visit mfp.fyi/Shrove for event details, the menu, and volunteering opportunities. The fun of this event only happens once a year - you won't want to miss it. Add your name to the sign up board today!

Remember when we mentioned our famous cabbage rolls? On January 26 we prepared nearly 900 cabbage rolls! This would have been impossible without 300 pounds of locally grown cabbage, 170 pounds of pork, and many amazing volunteers. A limited number of these delicious cabbage rolls are already available for sale as frozen 4 packs for \$13. Come with cash, card, or check in between and after services to get yours before they are all gone!

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 - visit mfp.fyi/SignUpShrove today!

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

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



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



Open Ceramics Studio
Sunday @ 12 pm

Open ceramic studio is returning for its 12th season **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.

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.

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



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 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.

Family Night
Wednesday, February 19 @ 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. Bring a side dish (chips, fruit, veggies, side, etc) to share if you'd like.

Play... 6:30 pm activities begin.

Pray... 6:45 pm story time, followed by a devotion and prayer.

