

Messiah Weekly Memos

November 18, 2021



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This Week at Messiah

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God's Word for This Coming Sunday

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1: 4b-8

John 18: 33-38

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Weekend Service Times

* Masks optional *

Saturdays

(Nov. 20, Dec. 4 & 18)

5:30 pm - Sanctuary

Sundays

8:30 am - in person & online

11 am - in person

9:45 am - Family Service (11/28)

** Masks are Required**

For online services, [CLICK HERE](#)

* An audio recording of the worship service is available through any phone by calling 440-276-4450. You can listen anytime with no charge. Ideal for people without a computer or internet access.

** The Parent's Room is now open for use during both in-person services. The Nursery remains closed **

Our 8:30 am Sunday Service is live streamed online. You can watch the service live or at your convenience.

Watch Online [HERE](#)

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“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good...” —Psalm 136

At church in coming days—

We celebrate the **Festival of Christ the King** this weekend. It will be the last Sunday of the current church year. Our new year starts on November 28, the First Sunday in Advent.

Three services this weekend: Saturday at 5:30, Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00. As always, the 8:30 Sunday service will be livestreamed. Janice Snyder, admissions coordinator at Messiah School and the force behind our Laundry Love ministry, will speak on our fall stewardship theme, "Shining With Hope."

Next Thursday is **Thanksgiving Day**. Of course! We'll return this year to our long tradition of an in-person Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day morning. It's a great way to launch the day! (Available also by livestream.)

Advent Evening Prayer begins on Wednesday, December 1. We'll gather via Zoom as we did last year. 6:30 p.m. Look for a link in next week's Midweek Memo.

Shining with Hope *Reflections on our Calling as Stewards of the Gospel*

Jay Machado reflected last Sunday on our calling as God's stewards. We urge you to read his remarks as you think and pray about your stewardship plans for the coming calendar year, 2022. Jay joined us at Messiah about two years ago and started serving this year on our church council. He is a member of the council's Administration and Finance Committee. During the week he serves the Lord as a chief financial officer for Trico, a global manufacturer of auto parts.

For the text of his remarks last weekend,
[CLICK HERE](#)

Education Hour this Sunday: **Pr. Hrbek, Part Two –**

The Rev. George Hrbek returns this Sunday for a second installment of stories and thoughts about his long career as a Lutheran pastor on the front lines of America's racial divide. Expect him to reflect on his decades of work in Cleveland with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. Along the way he'll have important things to say about race relations in our country today. In the Commons, 9:30. You can also tune in via Zoom.

[Click here](#) to join and participate by Zoom.

Meeting ID: 857 0546 1086
Passcode: XRV9sG

Zoom Bible Studies

Zoom Bible studies are suspended next week as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. They'll return on Wednesday, Dec. 1 (10 a.m. on Isaiah, 7:30 p.m. on "The Book of God", and on Thursday, Dec. 2 (with Pr. Seth).

Transition Team Update

Messiah's Transition Team met again on Monday to continue the task of assessing ministry needs at Messiah in light of Pr. Burce's pending retirement. To gather essential input from the congregation, the team is planning a series of focus groups and a congregational survey to happen early next year. Look for more information about this in coming weeks.

Hire-a-Team this November

Ready for some help with fall projects?
Messiah's teens headed for Minneapolis next summer will be happy to help you! Our next date for November is Sunday, Nov. 20. Consider booking a team of adults and teens today. Contact Shelley Nelson-Bridger by phone at 440.494.6259 or by email pastorshelleynb@gmail.com, to make a reservation. Thanks in advance for your support!

Shop to Donate

THANK YOU, MESSIAH!
We earned over \$90 at our Cilantro Taqueria fundraiser last Sunday. Thank you for your support!

FIVE BELOW

Our December fundraiser will be a "Shop-to-Donate" at the Westgate Five Below from Dec. 12-18. We will earn 10%. You must turn in a copy of the flyer at the register. Copies will be given out at church or can be printed.



Christmas Giving Opportunities

Messiah is participating in two Christmas giving opportunities this year; the Christmas Store of Hope and Christmas boxes.

THANK YOU! All children have been sponsored.

Please return the wrapped box with the child's name and age on it, by Sunday, November 21.

If you'd like to shop for the Christmas Store of Hope, their Amazon Wishlist can be found [HERE](#).

Messiah Monthly Outing Sunday, December 12 at 6 pm

Join your Messiah family, people of all ages from the church or school, for a monthly family outing. On Sunday, December 12 at 6 pm we will meet at Bain Park Pavilion and together walk down Seabury and adjoining streets to see the wonderful display of Christmas lights. Bring a warm drink if you'd like and we'll bring the cookies.

Sunday Morning Education Hour 9:45 - 10:40am, In the Commons

Pr. Burce is using his final months at Messiah to share some personal discoveries about the Christian faith and the breathtaking promise of the gospel. Here are the topics for the coming weeks.

Nov. 28: "What Christians *Get* to Believe about **the Future**"

Dec. 5: "What Christians *Get* to Believe about **God's Purposes**"

Dec. 12: "What Christians *Get* to Believe about **Repentance**"

Dec. 18: "What Christian's *Get* to Believe about **Where God Is**"

In the Messiah Commons, 9:45 to 10:45 am
Available also via Zoom.

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Confirmation Zoom Class

15 people participated in the recent Confirmation Kick Off event. Monthly Confirmation zoom classes begin this month.

6th & 7th Grade

December 5 @ 6 pm

This coming Sunday, the 6th and 7th graders will meet at 6 pm via Zoom. Please sign up for the Zoom class, [HERE](#). The 6th and 7th graders will meet once a month on the 1st Sunday of each month, via Zoom, until it is possible for all to meet in person.

8th Grade

November 21 @ 6 pm

The 8th graders will meet once a month on the 3rd Sunday of each month, at 6 pm via Zoom, until it is possible for all to meet in person. Please sign up for the Zoom class [HERE](#).

Sunday School

We continue to offer Sunday School on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:45 - 10:40 am. Masks are required for adults and children while inside. We meet in the Atrium.

We look forward to seeing you on November 21, December 5 & 19

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Sun. School Calendar

Messiah High School Youth Group

Candy Bar Sales

Sales of Malley's bars (\$2) and World's Finest Chocolate bars (\$1) have begun! We will need volunteers to help on lookout "Candy Bar Sundays" when we will sell candy bars between services.

You can purchase them by the case, and any profits you make from what you sell go into your personal Gathering account! If you would like to purchase candy bars, please email Laura Stover, lauratwelve@yahoo.com

High School Youth Group Dates to Remember

- * **Nov 20** -
8:30am - 1pm: Hire a Team
- * **Nov 21** -
8:30am - 12pm: Hire a Team
Early-bird Registration Ends (\$350/person)
12:30 - 1:30pm @TBD – MY Group Meeting
1:30 - 2pm @TBD and Virtual Zoom – ELCA YG Meeting
- * **Nov 22** -
Regular Registration begins (\$390/person)

For more information or to join the email list, please contact Mr. Adonai Henderson at ahenderson@messiahfp.org.

You Can Help Our Neighbors Fight Food Insecurity

Our Little Free Pantry is part of Messiah's Laundry Love PLUS efforts to fight food insecurity in Fairview Park.

Members of our Care Team restock the box throughout each week, at an average cost of \$50 worth of groceries each time. Contributions are always welcome!



Best Winter Gifts for Messiah's Little Free Pantry include:

- Mac & Cheese that is already prepared
- Canned foods with pop-tops (soups, stew, chili, pasta, vegetables)
- Tuna, canned meat, spam
- Cake mix & frosting
- Cartons of broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Soft baked breakfast bars and/or cereal
- Small bags of sugar and flour
- Small bottles of cooking oil
- Hot chocolate packets
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Holiday cookies
- Dishwashing detergent
- Feminine hygiene products
- Teabags or coffee
- Knit hats/gloves or socks

Donations can be left in the shopping carts in the area by the church elevator during business/worship hours. Thank you in advance for your generosity! For more information, contact Janice Snyder at jsnyder@messiahfp.org

Employer Matching Gifts Contributed \$27,300 to Messiah in 2020

Many companies offer matching gift programs to educational institutions and non-profit charitable organizations. Messiah Lutheran Church and School qualifies as one of these organizations. We have been blessed to receive matching gifts over the years from the Benevity Impact Fund, Google, Key Bank, Lubrizol, PNC, Progressive Insurance, Schwab Charitable Fund, The Sherwin

Another Way To Give To Messiah At Year-End

- Do you own an IRA investment?
- Are you age 70 1/2 or older?
- Do you need to make a distribution this year?
- Do you know you can make a required minimum tax-free donation to Messiah from your IRA?

As you think about your year-end donations, please consider directing your IRA

Williams Foundation, Thrivent Financial and more. Check with your Human Resources Department if this benefit is available to you. Don't miss out. This is the easiest matching gift program available. Questions? Contact Darlene Waugh, 440-331-2405.

distribution to Messiah Lutheran Church and School as another way of giving. Contact your investment officer to discuss this possibility. Thank you.

Are You A Thrivent Member?

Direct Your 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Messiah Church & School

If you are a Thrivent member you may have Choice Dollars to direct to Messiah Church & School. Choice Dollars are free to members and provide an opportunity to give back to a charitable organization. It's a gift that costs you absolutely nothing. Messiah is registered as one of the many charities in this program. Log into your Thrivent account or call **(800) 847-4836**. This is free money for Messiah Church & School and is likely already sitting in your account waiting to be donated. If you need additional help, call Darlene Waugh at 440-331-2405.

Giving

Thank you for your continued, steadfast donations to Messiah. Your support is greatly appreciated. You may mail checks, give online or text to give.

- **Mail:** Messiah Lutheran Church (21485 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park, OH 44126)
- **Text:** 855-913-1744
- **Online:** [CLICK HERE](#)

Online Giving & Text to Give

Thank you for faithfully giving to Messiah Lutheran Church. You can make a donation online by visiting messiahfairview.org.

Or, simply text your donation amount to **855-913-1744**. It takes 30 seconds to register and 10 seconds to type a donation.

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