

Messiah Weekly Memos

November 24, 2021



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This Week at Messiah

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God's Word for This Coming Sunday

Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Psalm 25: 1-6
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13
Luke 21: 25-36

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Weekend Service Times

* Masks optional *

Saturdays

(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](#)

* Continue scrolling for more information



A joyous Thanksgiving to one and all! May the Lord continue to hold you in the bounty of his love and kindness. May the hours you spend with family and friends sparkle with laughter and swell with gratitude. “O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever!”

We invite you to begin your Thanksgiving Day by joining us either in-person or online for a special time of Word & Prayer at 9:30 am on Thursday, November 25. We will thank and praise God for the many blessings he has and continues to bestow upon us this year. The livestream will be available for viewing live or anytime after 9:30 am. Share our service with family and friends both near and far. Watch the livestream [HERE](#).

Advent is Here!

It starts this Sunday—four weeks of refreshment in God’s great promises, the ones that remind us once again why Jesus was born. Will you have little ones at church or watching from home? Remind them to look for the Advent wreath and to listen for the Advent word of the week.

Advent Evening Prayer will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom on December 1, 8, and 15.

Join the Zoom [here](#).
Meeting ID: 847 9934 2455
Passcode: 7rEqFY

Daily Advent devotions are a regular feature in many Christian homes. Look for booklets at church on Sunday that will enrich your Advent prayers.

- For adults: **“Our Greatest Gift: A Wonderful Life in Christ.”** Dr. Michael Hoy, a Lutheran pastor and theologian, will show how the promises of Advent are reflected in the classic Christmas movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

- For teens and young adults: **“Wait & See for Advent.”** This is a set of snappy, thoughtful reflections on what it means to wait, and how what we wait for in Advent turns out better than we could have imagined.

- For children: **“Countdown to Christmas.”** Brief thoughts and prayers for every day before Christmas. Comes with stickers and a cardboard wreath to decorate. Look for these on the table outside the church office on Sunday. If you’d like one sent to you at home, drop your request to church@messiahfp.org – or call.

Live Like a Trailblazer. Give Like a Trailblazer.

The Messiah Lutheran School nickname has been the Trailblazers since 1954. A Messiah School Trailblazer is someone who makes things happen, creates opportunities for others, and is focused on helping people in Christ’s name--just like you!

Advent is all about trailblazing. Anytime you choose to bring light into dark places, you are creating a trail. Many of our students today will grow up to have jobs that haven't even been invented yet, so learning to find fresh and innovative solutions to ever-changing challenges is more valuable than ever.

Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving) was created in 2012 and set aside to celebrate the *generosity of giving*--a great American tradition! Messiah Lutheran School has participated in Giving Tuesday since 2015 as part of our annual Alumni Scholarship fundraising drive. Our Giving Tuesday Facebook campaign will be posted on the *Messiah Lutheran Church of Fairview Park* and *Messiah School of Fairview Park* pages from November 30 through December 13.

If you did not attend Messiah School yourself or send your children, you can still help ensure all children can access our quality education within a supportive faith community! A gift of \$5,500 covers the cost of one student’s Christian education for a year. Please consider sponsoring a child. God will bless gifts of any size! Give now: <http://bit.do/MLSGivingTuesday> or make arrangements through the church or school office. Thank you.

Janice Snyder, Messiah School Admissions

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

Janice Snyder spoke at services last weekend about “Shining with Hope.” We urge you to read her remarks as you think and pray about your stewardship plans for the coming calendar year. Janice and her husband Mike have been steadfast members of Messiah for almost thirty-one years. Throughout this time Janice has poured her gifts into serving Cleveland-area Lutherans, first as editor of the old *Lutheran Messenger*, then as a community liaison for the Lutheran Home, and most recently as Admissions Coordinator for Messiah School. A few years ago, her passion for putting our Christian faith into practice led her to launch Messiah’s Laundry Love ministry. This has been a wonderful gift to our Fairview Park neighbors—and to everyone at Messiah who has pitched in to help. Janice shines with her hope in Christ and invites us all to do the same.

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

Zoom Bible Studies

Zoom Bible studies are suspended this 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).

Education Hour this Sunday: **November 28: “What Christians Get to Believe about the Future”**

Pr. Burce continues his reflection on things he’s learned over four decades of pastoral ministry. As the heart of it is the Gospel—the good news of God’s accomplishments in Christ and the enormous promise they continue to hold for us—much more than we dare to imagine, as a rule. On this first Sunday in a church year, the specific focus is the future and what it might contain. How does the Word of God invite us to think about it? How afraid should we be for our children and grandchildren as they live into it? How do God’s actual promises square with what Christians have tended to say about the life that lies ahead? In the Commons. 9:45-10:45. Available also via Zoom.

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

Meeting ID: 857 0546 1086

Passcode: XRv9sG

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.

Messiah High School Youth Group Fundraisers

Candy Bar Sunday this Sunday!!!!

The Youth Group will be selling candy bars this Sunday from 9:15-11:00 in the Atrium.

We have Malley's bars - pretzel, crunch, & solid milk chocolate - for \$2.

World's Finest Chocolate bars - assorted flavors - are \$1.

Cash or checks accepted.

All proceeds will go towards our trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Thank you 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. Download the flyer [HERE](#). Enjoy shopping.

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
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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

December 19 @ 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 December 5 & 19

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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 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.

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 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

Giving

Thank you for your continued, steadfast donations to Messiah. Your support is

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.

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](#)

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

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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