

Grace Note

The Seasonal Newsletter of Messiah Lutheran Church

Time After Pentecost

Fall Festival Season 2026



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SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

@ 10:00am

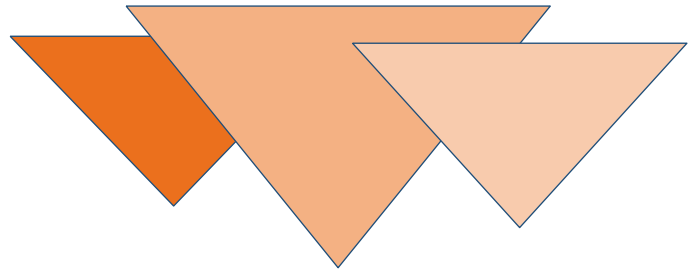
See website for all worship details:

<https://messiahlyndhurst.org/worship>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed & Fri 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Access to church by appointment only



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Your Messiah Tale

In the entrepreneurial community, keen ideas are often shared via an “elevator pitch”, that is, a concise story about your idea, product, or service, shared compellingly with an elevator-mate in the time it takes for you to reach your floor. Business and nonprofit leaders are also encouraged to always have an elevator pitch at the ready to share with others about why their work (and the work of their organization) is important in the world.

I’ve been thinking lately about the elevator pitches we might share about Messiah, about why Messiah is the place where we have chosen to be, and how this community makes a difference in the world. It could be as simple as, “I was baptized here, and I have experienced God’s grace in a real way.” Or, “Messiah feels like a community truly rooted in the love of Jesus,” or, “I saw you on social media and liked what was happening in Sunday School, so we tried it out, and now are here almost every week.”

As the academic year begins again and the fall festivals are blooming ahead of us, I encourage you to get in touch with *your* Messiah story, *your* elevator pitch. How did you come to be an active part of this congregation? Why are you engaged here? What are you excited for in the months to come? Once you’ve got a good sense of that story, I encourage you to share it with a friend who isn’t yet part of the Messiah flock, and ask if they might be interested in checking this place out. From children’s ministry to social ministry, from lively liturgical worship and the leadership of the choir, to online connections and a remarkable midcentury sanctuary with the best stained glass around, we have a lot to celebrate here! As we say every Sunday in the Mission Prayer:

Gracious God, through belief in Christ and through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, empower us to share the word; care and support each other in God’s community; worship as a family in Christ; and be Christ-like examples to those whose lives we touch.

Amen! May it be so.

Pastor Paul



Social Ministry

- ♥ We typically meet on one Sunday of each month following the 10:00am worship service and subsequent fellowship hour – usually in Messiah's conference room. Contact Karen Dickerson with questions or to join us.
- ♥ We will be supporting the Blessing of the Pets event on October 4 during worship in the church courtyard (weather permitting).
- ♥ NE Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH) Collection 9/13 – 10/11. We are collecting hoodies, sweaters, long underwear, rain ponchos, hats, gloves, socks, boots, towels, blankets, tents, sleeping bags, fresh batteries, sunscreen, bug spray, hand sanitizer, and hygiene products. More details to come!
- ♥ Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Tri-C Eastern Campus Food Pantry will take place from 10/18 – 11/15.
- ♥ Christmas deliveries (flowers and candy) to the homebound will take place in December.
- ♥ Our next meeting is on Sunday, September 20 at approximately 11:15am.

You Should Know Things

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:

Join the Hillcrest Interfaith Association as we gather for a Thanksgiving celebration – Sunday, November 22 at 3:00pm; location TBD.

Thanksgiving Service



Worship Video Reminder:

Just a reminder that if you're not able to attend worship or

see the livestream at the time of worship, the video can be viewed three ways:

1. Via Facebook (rewatching the livestream):
<https://www.facebook.com/MLC44124/videos>
2. On our YouTube channel:
<https://youtube.com/@MLCLyndhurst>
3. On our Website – see the Worship page:
<https://messiahlyndhurst.org/worship>

Please let Kristy Bohinc know if you have any questions or issues with access to any of these ways to participate.

**Sunday
Oct. 4**

10:00 am

**MESSIAH
COURTYARD**

weather permitting

**Pets enter via
Fellowship Hall.**



Our Pets Are a Blessing to Us...



...Join Us in Blessing Them!

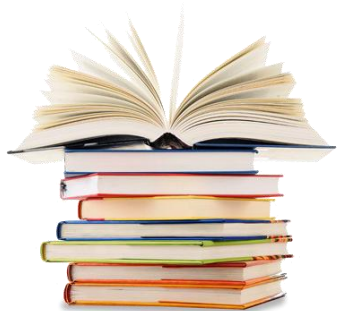


*Feast of St.
Francis of Assisi
service will
include the Pet
Blessing.*

*All pets and pet
photos welcome.*

*Refreshments to
follow.*

What's Happening



Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at Messiah. Our upcoming meeting dates include Sept 8, Oct 13, and Nov 11. Contact Nancy Pittard for more info: nlp1097@att.net.

Men's Fellowship Lunch meets at noon on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Vicinato Pizza, 5080 Mayfield Rd. Please join us...our next gathering is on Sept 9.



Choir Update
Choir begins with our annual dinner at the Lester's on 9/16; rehearsal to follow. Our first anthem is on Sept. 20. In October we will be singing from Reformation the Musical by Gary Sironen...culminating on Reformation Sunday. December will be a build up to this year's cantata...JOY!

Pub Theology will meet on Sept 14 & 28, Oct 12 & 26, and Nov 9 & 23 at Mulligan's; 6131 Highland Road. Contact Pastor Paul for more info and watch our blog for updates regarding location and topics: pubtheologyeast.wordpress.com.



Note: dates are subject to change.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

♥	9/6	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	9/8	Tu	Book Club	7:00pm
♥	9/9	W	Men's Lunch	12:00pm
♥	9/13	Su	God's Work Our Hands	9:00am
♥	9/13	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	9/14	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
♥	9/15	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
♥	9/16	W	Choir Begins at Lester's	6:30pm
♥	9/20	Su	Sunday School Begins	9:00am
♥	9/20	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	9/20	Su	Social Ministry Meeting	11:15am
♥	9/27	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	9/28	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm

October

♥	10/4	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	10/4	Su	Blessing of the Pets	10:00pm
♥	10/11	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	10/12	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
♥	10/13	Tu	Book Club	7:00pm
♥	10/14	W	Men's Lunch	12:00pm
♥	10/17	Sa	Intergenerational Games	4:30pm
♥	10/18	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	10/20	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
♥	10/25	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	10/25	Su	Reformation Potluck	11:30am
♥	10/26	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm

November

♥	11/1	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	11/8	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	11/9	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
♥	11/10	Tu	Book Club	7:00pm
♥	11/11	W	Men's Lunch	12:00pm
♥	11/15	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	11/17	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
♥	11/22	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	11/22	Su	Interfaith Thanksgiving	3:00pm
♥	11/23	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
♥	11/29	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am

CONNECTIONS

FAITH | FRIENDS | FELLOWSHIP

Happy Birthday

God's Work Our Hands

Day of Service
September 13, 2026

Join us for a great day of service and community. We'll be preparing 150 lunches for Project Hope. Register via the Messiah Website on the Sign-Up Genius.

9:00am -- Service Project
10:00am -- Worship Service
11:00am -- Parade Line Up / Front Lawn Prep
11:30am -- Light Lunch Served
12:00pm -- Parade Step Off
1:15pm -- Clean-Up / Wrap Up

Come early for the service project and stay for the parade and community fun!



Reformation Potluck



October 25 ⌘ Details TBA

September

2nd Jen Lenz
9th Jason Woide
13th Corrine Halberg-Lindway
13th Lyle Saterlee
17th Drinda Kiner
17th Matt Rubenstahl
20th Sarah Dellinger
22nd Lisa Halberg
25th Christopher Halberg
26th Karen Dickerson
27th Blair Blanchard
28th Fred Moser

October

2nd Suzie Milner
6th Kathy Johnson
8th Jon Paulus
11th Allison Schreiber
13th Levi Johnson
14th Dan Decker
16th Dan Safko
22nd Adam Dellinger
23rd Barb Decker
26th Jen Butler
29th Alexa Tsevdos

November

1st Carmen Blanchard
1st Katie Moody
1st Sharon Richardson
11th Cherish Bohinc
12th Stephen Karaffa
16th Michael Lester
23rd James Makee
25th Michael Pierce
26th Cameron Halberg

STRONGER TOGETHER

Faith & Community



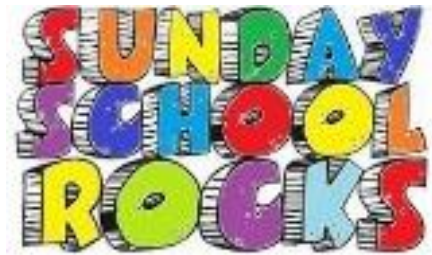
SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome Back to Sunday School – Classes Resume on September 20!

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year. Our core classes are as follows:



- **Sarah Dellinger**
- **Lisa Halberg**
- **Allison Schreiber**



Sunday School starts at 9am and ends at 9:50am. Please plan to drop off and pick up your students promptly.

We will be continuing “Youth Sundays” during our 10am Worship Services the first Sunday of each month. Students are encouraged to participate by singing, ushering, reading and being acolytes. We are also inviting any students (whether they attend Sunday School or not), to bring their musical talents to Youth Sundays! We would love to incorporate as many students as we can in the various aspects of the worship service.

ADULT *Sunday School*

This fall, the adult Sunday School class will begin by studying the Book of Philippians. Join us in discovering what this book is all about. Sundays at 9:00am. See Pastor Paul for more info.



Please pray for our siblings in Christ:

Holly Bhatt, Namit Bhatt, Tonyia Greanoff, William Jaros, Retta Kalcik, Diane Kosovich, Grace Loudenstein, Craig Orosz, Lisa Perry, Jackie Pickering, Alex Vinesky, the family and friends of Antione Aitken, the family and friends of Pamela Bonnett, the family and friends of Cathy Jordan, the family and friends of Jim Richardson, the family and friends of Bill Rusinko, the family and friends of Bob Schuping, and all who are in need of comfort and healing.

Attendance & Offering

May 31	Attend: 52	Offering: \$2,377
June 7	Attend: 47	Offering: \$2,740
June 14	Attend: 37	Offering: \$3,445
June 21	Attend: 47	Offering: \$5,111
June 28	Attend: 74	Offering: \$3,612
July 5	Attend: 45	Offering: \$2,365
July 12	Attend: 35	Offering: \$3,411
July 19	Attend: 58	Offering: \$4,848
July 26	Attend: 58	Offering: \$2,995
Aug 3	Attend: 56	Offering: \$2,590
Aug 9	Attend: 52	Offering: \$5,370
Aug 17	Attend: 41	Offering: \$2,861
Aug 24	Attend: 57	Offering: \$4,730
Aug 30	Attend: 62	Offering: \$2,965

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Pastor – Paul Moody

Choir – Vicki Lester

Office Admin – Steven Liss

Organist – Adam Dellinger

Social Media – Kristy Bohinc



President – Dale Veres

Vice President – vacant

Secretary – Twyla Lucas

Treasurer – Chris Butler

Member – Sarah Dellinger

Member – Becky Dinnen

Member – Kristine Frelich

Member – Carol Lapin

Member – Jen Lenz

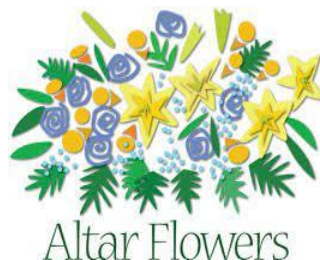
Member – Dan Safko

Ex Officio – Pastor Paul Moody

LEADERSHIP TEAM



1: consisting of diverse subjects, things, or members.



Altar Flower Chart

Sign-up on the calendar in the church main hallway.
Contact Karyn Schmidt for more info: 216-382-7397.

Happening @

MLC



See future editions of the Bulletin and Messiah Missive for more info!

- ♥ Intergenerational Game Night
- ♥ Reformation Potluck
- ♥ Stewardship Campaign
- ♥ Thanksgiving Food Drive
- ♥ Annual Congregational Mtg.



MESSIAH VOLUNTEERS

Shoes and Clothes for Kids July 2026



In the Spotlight

MINISTRY TEAMS

1 Peter 4:10-11



Have You Ever Wondered...?

How do we carry out our mission and live in fellowship? How can I use my personal gifts to serve others? Who can I contact to get involved? In Fall 2026, watch for **"Ministry Team Spotlights"** happening on the last Sunday of each month during worship and afterwards in the library.