November 1, 2026

November Mission of the Month

Messiah Community Food Shelf

As a community food shelf, we are committed to providing, healthy, nourishing food to our customers to promote strong, thriving, wholesome families.

Together, Messiah Community Food Shelf and 360 Communities provide support to our local community to promote long-term self-sufficiency. Our food shelf offers a wide variety of healthy food options like fresh produce and whole grains as items that are low in fat, sodium, and sugar. These offerings help meet clients' nutritional needs and contribute to better community health overall.

We currently serve around 4,000 people a year, approximately 88,000 pounds of food.

Donations and volunteers are always welcome! There are so many ways to serve at the food shelf. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to us.

Weekly Education Opportunities Continue for the 2026 - 2027 Year!

Adult Education Hour

Adult Education is running Listening Sessions for the next few weeks. Join Pastor Brent in the conference room to imagine our future and share your thoughts on how we should shape FOC in the future.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM. You can come in person or via an on-line link. Contact Pastor Brent for more information.

FOC Kids & Youth

Sunday School is every Sunday at 10:35 unless noted.

Confirmation & Youth Group meets every Wednesday beginning at 6 PM

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study continues on the first Monday of the month at 10 AM. Next session is tomorrow, 11/2. Study will be on Hagar, Ruth, and Mary Magdalene. Contact Linda Bartz with any questions.

Christmas Pageant "Unpacking the Manger"

Dec. 13th at 9:30 am



All ages are invited to sign up as we retell the story of the coming of our savior. Rehearsals start Nov. 22

Raffle Basket Collection for Advent Potluck Luncheon



The Advent Luncheon will be here before we know it. It is time to start planning a basket to donate. Bring baskets in any time between now and Dec. 2nd if you can. Tickets will be available for purchase Dec 6 & 13. All proceeds are donated to the Messiah Community Food Shelf.

THE JOY OF GENEROSITY STEWARDSHIP

Generous Lives. Joyful Community. God's Work Together.

Have you ever heard someone say, "Give until it hurts"? This advice implies that a truly generous gift should be large enough to have a negative impact on the giver. Though sometimes heard in the church, "Give until it hurts" is not advice from the Bible.

The Bible says, "Give until it feels good." Jesus says, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35 Good News Translation). Over and over, the Bible connects generosity with happiness. Stinginess is what leads to hurting.

Think about your own giving of money and time. Think of an instance when you made what, for you, was a very generous gift. How did it feel? Did it hurt, or did it bring a smile to your face? As you think back on that gift, do you still have happy feelings about it?

God invites us to live generously not only because other people have needs that we can help meet but also because God knows what is good for us — and generosity is good for us. Generosity brings us things far more valuable than whatever we have given away.

As the Rev. Michael Binder, assistant professor at Luther Seminary, rightly notes, "Generosity is what God wants for us, not from us."

FOC Kids

Get a snack after worship and head down the MPR to sing a song and then head to your classrooms.

Next Singing Time: Sunday, November 8th - "Down in my Heart"

Keep on your radar: Sunday Nov.15th, don't miss being here to find out parts in our annual Christmas Pageant to be presented during worship on Dec. 13th. Rehearsals begin Nov. 22nd.

FOC Youth

Youth Programming this week: Dinner for Youth & Adults optional at 6:00, 6:20 head into the sanctuary to kick off the night.

Next Youth Sunday: November 8th, are you signed up to volunteer? And remember, we need an acolyte EVERY Sunday, so sign up to fill a spot!

Dates to Remember

Monday, November 2: Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, November 18: Community/Together Night
Wednesday, November 25: Youth Game Night
Sunday, December 13: Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 13: Trinity Care Center Party
Saturday, December 19: Advent Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, December 20: Longest Night Worship 5:30 pm
Tuesday, December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship 4:30 pm



Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1
Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3
Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ

Verse 1
Let us talents and tongues employ
Reaching out with a shout of joy
Bread is broken the wine is poured
Christ is spoken and seen and heard

Chorus
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again
Pass the word around loaves abound

Verse 2
Christ is able to make us one
At the table He sets the tone
Teaching people to live to bless
Love in word and in deed express

Verse 3
Jesus calls us in sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt
Gives us love to tell bread to share
God Immanuel everywhere

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We Are An Offering

Chorus 1
We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

Bridge
All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

Chorus 2
We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

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I'll Fly Away

Verse 1
Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus
I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

Verse 2
When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Verse 3
Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

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