November 22, 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.

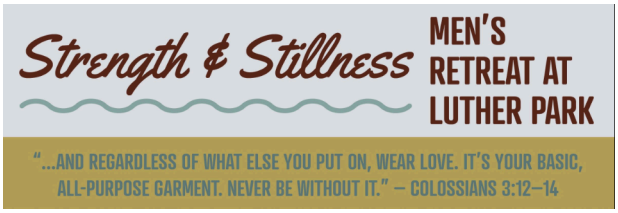
Donations and volunteers are always welcome! There are so many ways to serve at the food shelf. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to us.

Weekly Education Opportunities Continue for the 2026 - 2027 Year!

Adult Education is taking a break, but be on the lookout for a special Advent Adult Ed on Dec. 20th!

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.

Women's Bible Study continues on the first Monday of the month at 10 AM. Next session is tomorrow, 12/7. Study will be an advent devotional. Contact Linda Bartz with any questions.



Strength & Stillness: Men's Retreat
Jan. 8 - 10, 2027

Escape busy life for a weekend of tranquility, community, worship and growth. It will be a weekend full of fellowship, rest, crafts, meals, free time, guided activities, and a service project for camp!

Contact Pastor Brent if you have any questions.
Register at Lutherpark.com

Trinity Care Center Giving Tree

Join us as we support the residents at Trinity Care Nursing Home. Pick a stocking from the gift tree in the narthex, take the name out, write your name next to the resident's name on the sign-up sheet, then buy and wrap a gift/s for that person. Please bring the labeled wrapped gift/s to church by December 6th. And mark Dec. 13th on your calendar to bring the gifts over to the residents and to sing carols with them.

Raffle Basket Collection for Advent Potluck Luncheon



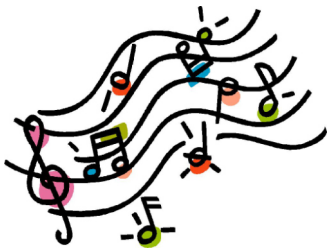
The Advent Luncheon will be here before we know it. It is time to start planning a basket to donate. Bring baskets in any time between now and Dec. 2nd if you can. Tickets will be available for purchase Dec 6 & 13. All proceeds are donated to the Messiah Community Food Shelf.

2027 General Fund Pledge Campaign is Under Way!

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

THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

Just a quick reminder that Pledge cards as due as soon as you are able to return them. Send them to the office, drop them into the offering plate on Sunday, or drop them off at the church office between 9 - 3, Tues - Thur. Getting your pledge helps us build out the budget for 2027. Thank you for your generosity.



Come Make a Joyful Noise with our Annual FOC Advent Band!

Do you play an instrument? Maybe you used to and you'd like to try it out again? Join the FOC Advent Band as they play us through some holiday favorites on December 6th. No advance practices, just come at 8 am that morning and share your talents. Contact Jeremy Mann at mannjer@gmail.com and he will get you the music. Don't have your instrument anymore, no worries, Jeremy will find you one!

FOC Kids

Get a snack after worship and head down the MPR to sing a song and then head to your classrooms, rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant starts today!

Keep on your radar: The annual FOC Christmas Pageant will be presented at worship on Sunday, Dec. 13th. With one additional rehearsal the day before at 9:30 am (12/12)

FOC Youth

Youth Programming this week: Optional - Youth Game Night!

Do you love games and hanging out with friends? Are you a 6th-12th grader? If so, then come and join us on Wednesday, November 25th from 6:30-9:00. Feel free to bring caffeine-free drinks to share and/or a snack to share. Bring your favorite games as well. It is also a great opportunity to invite a friend or 2. Adult chaperones are welcome as well.

***Next Youth Sunday*:** December 13th, are you signed up to volunteer? And remember, we need an acolyte EVERY Sunday, so sign up to fill a spot!

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 25: Youth Game Night
Tuesday, December 1: Bloodmobile at FOC
Sunday, December 6: Advent Band at Worship
Saturday, December 12: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 9:30 am
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

