

Messiah Lutheran Church **October ~ 2025**

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Worship: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Christian Education: 9:45 AM

October Birthday Blessings!

May God Bless each and every one of you on your special day!

1	Mike Castro	12	Kyle Mavrides Jenny Tait	22	Jeffrey Johnson Ed Picillo
2	Janet Booth Ken Cyrus Kailea Daniel Ernie Munzen Erika Rebuck	14	Elizabeth Gruber	23	Lauren Leibforth Amy Tepper
3	Colleen Handrick	15	Beverly Bakalyar Emma Irwin Nathan Solem	24	Glenn Hunter
5	Bill Warner	16	Abigail Rebuck Twyla Sumpter Charles Vollrath	26	Victoria Glisson
6	Carol Cabina Cathy Most Anthony Powell	18	Steve Wijas Tom Windsor	27	Brenda Peterson
7	John Schweichler	19	Barbara Carcopa	28	Marcos Garcia Kathy Riffel Steven Turke
8	John Cruz Susanne Powell	20	Aiden Ayotte Carson Davis	29	Emily Charlow Donaven Eller Jeneva Scotland
9	Kyle Dobbs Lois Dworkin Jared Zukoski	21	Paul Dworkin	30	Kathryn Clark Kelsie Daniel Elizabeth Davis Beth Martin Karen Shumate
11	TJ Handrick Christopher Petrock Crislyn Petzold Paul Riffel		Paul Hough Mike McKenzie Devon Zukoski		



Abby Moss will be out of the office on vacation Tuesday October 7-Monday October 13th. Thanks to the many covering ministry areas while she is away.

Portals of Prayer for October ~ December are available on the table in the narthex. These devotionals are helpful to your spiritual growth. Please take home a copy and read the devotional for each day. Large print editions are also available.

Carrollwood Care will be celebrating the residents with October birthdays on Wednesday, October 15th, at 2pm. We'll be bringing cake, juice, gifts and music to bring joy to the residents. Please join us! If you have any questions, please call Mary Plotkowski at 813-774-5967.

The Carrollwood Care Ministry is in need of birthday cards and Christmas cards. If you have any cards that you won't be using, please drop them off in the blue bin under the table on the left in the narthex. And please keep in mind, as you get 2026 calendars in the mail, the residents can use those also. Thank you so much for helping this ministry.



Adult Day Care Update

Sunday, August 24th Messiah voted to move forward with the partnership with Alzheimer's Community Care to provide an Adult Day Care.

ACC's board voted to approve the same agreement on Thursday, August 28th. Construction is in the permitting phase and should begin October 6th. More details will come. Please keep this partnership in prayer. If you'd like to learn more about Alzheimer's Community Care, check out this video about an award they won for caring for people. <https://youtu.be/FkmZnM8OU9k?si=MVBaf01ncjxyFFdn>



Giving Vanco Mobile App



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Giving Made Easy!

Below are new electronic ways to give to the work of the Lord at Messiah. These secure options allow you to give once or set up recurring donations with credit/debit cards or bank accounts.

1. **Online or Mobile Giving:** Go to messiahtampa.com/give.
2. **VANCO FAITH App:** Download the VANCO App in the App Store or Google Play Store, type in Messiah's zip code (33625) and select Messiah Lutheran Church.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 5th
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Sign up at www.oneblood.org/donate-now to make an appointment for your next donation. Use Sponsor Code **11901** or Appointment Link:
https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1629904



EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Stephen Ministry has been part of Messiah Lutheran Church since 2008. The ministry of the Stephen Ministers has been a blessing to individuals, to the lay ministers themselves, and to the whole congregation. We are making plans to offer another Stephen Ministry training class. Take advantage of this opportunity to share the love that God has given you. You'll find that being a Stephen Minister is not only helpful to others—but one of the most fulfilling experiences you'll ever have. If you would like to participate in this training and in this ministry, contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Sandy Hansen (813) 416-8543; Lynn Guelzow (813) 963-3419 or Jody Schweichler (813) 323-5842.

Hispanic Ministry

Selling Cuban Sandwiches



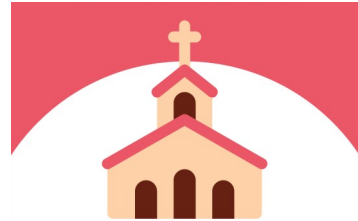
Sunday, October 19th, the Hispanic Ministry of Messiah will offer after each worship service, delicious Cuban Sandwiches for \$5.00 to collect funds needed for their Ministry.

“Feed Your Neighbor”

We are seeking donations of canned fruits, vegetables, and desserts like cookies this month to help supplement the foods families already have. Thank you for your support.



CLC Construction begins this month. All our Sunday at 9:45AM classes will meet, just in some new locations.



Starting Sunday October 5th:

Adults Ernie Munzen Revelation Study will be in MC (BLDG C) Room 204

Adults Pastor Class on Luke/Acts in MC (BLDG C) Room 203

Youth Grades 7-12 meet in MC (BLDG C) Youth Room

Children in Elementary will meet in MC (BLDG C) Room 202

Preschool/ K MC (BLDG C) Room 201

Gym will be used for special events.

Thanks for being flexible until construction is complete.

If you/your ministry have meeting space needs, please check with the church office to schedule something.



College & Young Adults (twenties)

Dinner (plus fellowship)! We will be having our next group get together, Sunday October 5th at 6:30PM! Join us at Peabody's Restaurant 15333 Amberly Dr., Tampa, FL 33647. Invite a friend and join us for food and fellowship. Please bring \$5 to contribute to the meal, plus any fund for adult beverages on you.

Make plans to join us **on Sunday October 19th at 6:30pm.** Join us at Winners Grill 5229 Ehrlich Rd, Tampa, FL 33624. Invite a friend and join us for food and fellowship. Please bring \$5 to contribute to the meal, plus any fund for adult beverages on you.

Our goal is to offer a night out every first and third Sunday of the month at a different location as well as trying to offer one other opportunity during the month for service, fellowship, and/or recreation/fun. Please contact Abby Moss for more information or to get involved. RSVPs can be emailed to abbymoss@messiahtampa.com or texted to 813-789-7143.



Our last summer featured Genesis Leader is Natalie:

Natalie Olsen - lives in the Nashville area and works for a community college as an administrator. She understands her permission to regularly engage her co-workers in conversations. She started a walking group that regularly takes walks together over their lunch hour. She has identified the people as peaceful people to her, who are open to her, and is currently creating a consistent and repetitive space for connection and conversation.

Multipli's next cohorts for Genesis Leader Training are coming October 19 & November 9! Sign up here: [DepositFix - Genesis Leader Registration](#).



MESSIAH MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS

The Memorial Garden team is happy to announce the original Garden design plans have been completed with the installation of the final two columbaria structures. Under the supervision of Erik Peterson, the contractor finished the project in June. The addition of three, new columbaria constructed within the last 10 months provides 45 spaces for Memorial Garden arrangements.

Brochures about Messiah Memorial Garden use and policy are available in the church office and in the narthex. Please feel free to contact Brenda Peterson (813) 230-2485 brendafpeterson1957@gmail.com or Sandi Windsor (813)-298-4918 tomsan43@verizon.net if you have any questions or wish to make pre-arrangements in Messiah Garden.

The Memorial Garden Team thanks the congregation for the interest and financial support given to maintain and beautify the Garden space. May God continue to bless this and all ministries of Messiah.

*Thank you. Messiah Memorial Garden Team
Jackie and Chuck Burnett, Phil Mattice, Mike Mekelburg, Brenda and Erik Peterson,
Bruce Riffel, Chris Smith, Sandi and Tom Windsor*



Dear Friends and Families,

We are so grateful for your continued support and excitement for our annual Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat. We love seeing returning faces and preschool alumni each year!

Unfortunately, we will not be hosting the event this year as our church campus is currently under construction.

Our church is entering a partnership with Alzheimer's Community Care to provide an Adult Day Care to open at some point in 2026 and we are working to get our building ready. While we're sad to miss this special time with all of you, we take safety and putting on a quality event seriously. We're excited for the improvements that are on the way!

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of growth! But don't pack up your costumes just yet...

SAVE THE DATE!



Our Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat will return

NEXT YEAR October 25, 2026

or You can plan to join us sooner for our next BIG event, a Square Dance and Dinner on Saturday January 31, 2026.



We can't wait to celebrate with you again—bigger and better than ever!

With gratitude,

Your Friends at Messiah Lutheran Church & Preschool

If you'd like to learn more about our new partner, Alzheimer's Community Care, check out this video about an award they won for caring for people.

<https://youtu.be/FkmZnM8OU9k?si=MVBaf01ncjxyFFdn>

Ushers Needed and Usher Training

Are you interested in serving the church in a meaningful way, but you're not sure how to get involved? Ushering may be the answer! We are looking for Ushers for both the 8:30am and 11:00am services. You do not need to have experience, as we will train you so that you are prepared.

We will be conducting Usher Training on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 9:45am in the Gym. It is being held in between the Sunday services, so as to make it as convenient as possible for all Ushers. This training is for both new and seasoned Ushers, as it will cover the Church Service Procedures for Ushers and the Usher Emergency Response Procedures. This is extremely important, as we need to be prepared for Health and Safety situations that may arise during the service. I urge all Ushers to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Donovan at twdcpa@aol.com or (813) 416-8935.



**You're Invited:
A Walk In Their Shoes
Saturday, October 18, 2025**

The Portico, Downtown Tampa

Mark your calendars for Love INC of Metro Tampa's signature fall fundraiser, **A Walk In Their Shoes**—a powerful, immersive event designed to open hearts and minds to the daily realities faced by our neighbors in need.

Registration begins at **8:30 am** and the event kicks off with a **breakfast program at 9:00 am** featuring inspiring *Love Stories*, missional updates, and an exciting announcement about the future of our work. Then, at **10:15 am**, the streets around The Portico transform into an **interactive walking experience**, inspired by the **Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE)** to help participants better understand the challenges of living at or below the margins.

Along a walkable one-mile path, you'll encounter story stations that spotlight the voices of our Guests and reveal the often-unseen barriers facing the working poor—through personal testimonies, data, and reflection.

Whether you walk solo, build a team, or host a table, this is an unforgettable experience for individuals, families, church groups, and anyone passionate about walking in compassion and solidarity.

Come for the cause. Leave with perspective.

Details on team building, sponsorships, and table hosting are coming soon!

When: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Time: 8:30 am - 11:am

Where: The Portico, 1001 N. Florida Ave., Tampa, FL 33602



Save the date
Advent by Candlelight 2025

Attention ladies of all ages

Please plan to join us

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

7:00 PM until 9:00 PM

Ministry center (gym)

If you are interested in being a table hostess, please call, text or email Debbie Schoppa at 813-215-9622 dschoppa@verizon.net.



Coffee Cart Sign-up

Don't you just love a good cup of coffee between services -- and even a delicious snack to go with it? And don't you just love meeting and greeting fellow members and visitors of Messiah Lutheran?

Well.....look no further!

The Coffee Cart is in need of volunteers starting with November 2nd! You would just need to provide light snacks (homemade or store bought) and coffee/juice. Call or text: Donna Bartholomew: 813-340-7891 or Kris Johnson: 813-928-1714 for details. Our sign-up sheet is located at: Messiahtampa.com/coffeecart.

Please consider participating in this vital ministry!

Youth News

Senior High Youth, 2nd Sunday of the Month High School Only Dinner Night!

This month we will be getting together October 12 for food and fellowship at Applebees [Carrollwood Commons](#) 15090 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Carrollwood, FL 33618. Invite a friend and join us for food and fellowship. Please bring \$5 to contribute to the meal as you are able. Thanks to those covering dinner while Abby is away.

Senior High, 4th Sunday of the Month High School Only Dinner Night!

This month we will be getting together for food and fellowship at Messiah on October 26 at 6:30PM. Join us for dinner and a fall themed movie and activities.



**Playgroup WILL NOT meet October 13 due to
Columbus Day. See you the rest of the Mondays
in October at 9am in our NEW Space Ministry
Center Room 201.**



GAME DAY (F3) ON WEDNESDAYS

Come and bring your lunch at 12:00 noon and play games around 12:30. We have card games, dice games and board games. Bring your favorite game and bring a friend.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Hohl 813-240-6538 or juliehohl860@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there and make new friends and reunite with old friends.



Messiah Lutheran Preschool would like to invite Church & School Families to "Fall Into STEM: A Family Night of Fun & Discovery!"

Join us for a spine-tingling evening of STEM-tastic fun!

Families are invited to explore hands-on science, tech, engineering, and math activities — all with a festive fall or Halloween twist!

Costumes encouraged for classroom/activity trick or treating.

Experiments, challenges, snack, animals, games, and more!

Fun for all ages – bring the whole family!

Friday, October 24, 2025 5 to 7pm in the Ministry Center. Please RSVP to Miss Judy Patterson by Monday October 20.

It's going to be a "boo"-last!





Preschool News

Messiah Lutheran Preschool Welcomes Grandparents

What a joyful September it has been at Messiah Lutheran Preschool! Our classrooms are full of busy hands, bright smiles, and little voices learning new songs and stories about Jesus. Every day brings something new—whether it's painting, building, or running together on the playground.

This month we had a special treat: **Grandparents' Chapel!** The children were so proud to share a snack with their grandparents, sing songs in chapel, and enjoy time together. The smiles on the grandparents' faces said it all—what a blessing it was to celebrate faith and family across the generations.

We were also glad to see many of our preschool families join in the **Church Picnic on September 7th**. It was a wonderful day of fellowship, with worship, a water slide, games, cotton candy, and laughter. Moments like these remind us of the joy of being one family in Christ.

We are thankful for our church family's prayers and encouragement as we help these little ones grow in both learning and love. God is doing wonderful things in our preschool, and we are so glad you are part of it!



Peek Ahead at October!

- 🎃 **Halloween Parties** – filled with costumes, treats, and giggles
- 🚒 **Fire Truck Visit** – always a highlight for our preschoolers as they meet the firefighters, explore the truck, and listen for those sirens!
- **Fall into Family STEM Night** - October 24th, 5-7pm.



Thank you, Messiah family, for your prayers, love, and support—you help make this ministry possible.

SERVING MESSIAH IN OCTOBER

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

ELDERS:

5	Bob Smedley	Tony Gain
12	Steven Gay	Chuck Burnett
19	Mark Scheimann	David Williams
26	Brian Owens	Nathan Solem

USHERS:

5	Tim Donovan/Brian Owens Chris Smith	Marcos Garcia/Matthew Garcia Ryan Garcia
12	Keith Bakalyar Leroy Scotland	Jacob Bohren Jan Umbaugh
19	Keith Bakalyar/Jeff Salt Chris Smith	Jacob Bohren/Rick Larson John Schweichler
26	Leroy Scotland Tim Donovan	Tony Gain Steve Turke

ALTAR GUILD:

Jeneva Scotland Mary Donovan	Sharyn Woodbrook Ginger Derenthal
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ACOLYTES:

5	Brooklyn Soto	Landon France
19	Adalynn Beaver	Lia Schafer
26	Adalynn Beaver	Benjamin Letellier

GREETERS:

5	June & Bob Smedley	Melissa Kurial
12	Sidea, Zach, Isaiah & Neriah Schelp	Nancy & Jan Umbaugh
19	Norma Halfmann	Jody Schweichler
26	Magda & Ron McKay	Joyce & Nathan Solem

LAY READERS:

5	11:00...Wendy Huss (Hosea 13:9-14, 1 Corinthians 15:35-49, John 20:1-10)
12	11:00...Brooke Burnett (Genesis 1:1-5, 24-2:3, Colossians 3:5-11, John 2:11-18)
19	11:00...Dale Laxton (Psalm 73:1-8, 23-26, Acts 1:6-11, Matthew 28:16-20)
26	11:00...Kathy Riffel (Isaiah 55:1-5, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:13-21)

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Statement of Mission

We, the members of Messiah Lutheran, in grateful thanksgiving
for the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation through
Jesus Christ our Lord:

- ~ Consecrate ourselves to grow in faith**
- ~ Devote ourselves to grow in service**
- ~ Dedicate ourselves to grow in witness outreach**