### **INVITATION AND RESPONSE**

We invite you to pray for Messiah Lutheran Church as we step into the Goodness of God in 2026. Sunday, November 9, 2025 is Commitment Sunday. During worship, we will invite you to bring forward your enclosed Commitment Cards, offering your gifts up to God.

If you are unable to join us for worship, please mail your commitment card to the church office or fill out an online commitment card on our website: messiahlc.org/goodnessofGod.

On Sunday, December 7, 2025 we will announce the results of our commitments. We will celebrate the results together and we invite you to celebrate with us!

We are excited about the opportunities to meet the needs of the church and community in 2026. Together we can continue to create a movement of Christ followers where everybody is somebody!



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#### INTRODUCTION

The mission of Messiah Lutheran Church is to love God, love others, and seek to be better disciples every day. Together we live out this mission in our community and throughout the world.

This past year Messiah has:

- Celebrated 11 baptisms
- Welcomed 156 staff and campers through Camp Hope (77% of whom were nonmembers)
- Ministered to 75 children weekly through KidsKonnect
- ► Hosted over 107 people through our joint Night of Hope worship services
- Fed 180 students in Liberia for an entire school year
- Continued to be a top supporter for Cypress Assistance Ministries

Through our ministries, we celebrate a tradition of following Christ's example by feeding the hungry and providing a space for people to grow in their faith in God. This has been a year of renewal so that we can live in the Goodness of God.

Our campus is one of our most important resources that allows us to impact lives, share our faith, and create a space where everybody is somebody.

Our facilities continue to age, and there are some much-needed upgrades that will ensure our campus continues to be a welcoming and usable space. By caring for our campus, we are caring for this place that God has entrusted to us.

Our campus also supports Ruach Community, our partner in local and global ministry. Their church and school in Liberia reach hundreds of children and families. As we worship and serve together, we show we are two communities sharing one mission.

## **MINISTRY INITIATIVES**

To meet the growing needs of the community in 2026, we need an additional \$825 a week. With this increase we plan to:

Upgrade and refresh our church campus through special projects and upgrades. This will ensure our campus is a welcoming and usable space.

# To meet this, we will need an additional \$480 a week.

Strengthen our relationship with the Ruach Community through providing food for school children in Liberia, supporting Ruach Life Church in Liberia, and creating new ways to partner with Ruach Life Cypress.

## To meet this need we need an additional \$192 each week.

Continue to offer powerful and impactful worship, expand our connection to one another through our small groups, invest in our staff, and help our neighbors both near and far.

To meet this need we need an additional \$153 a week.









# **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR

\$600+

\$500-599

\$400-499

**NUMBER OF HOPED FOR GIVERS 259** 

**NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS 259** 

Here is a bar graph displaying two charts of our giving. One bar shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated amounts. The other bar shows how many gifts are needed in these levels to

Ask yourself these questions:

- » How does my level of giving compare with other ways I use my money?
- reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?
- or even doubled, my offering? And can I consider doing that?
- » How much more could I give if I wanted to?

