

WAYS *to give*



YOUR GIFT IS AN INVESTMENT
IN CHANGING LIVES.

Electronic Giving is secure, quick, and easy to set up using a debit/credit card or your bank account. You can make a one-time or recurring gift through Subsplash, our online giving platform. Go to MessiahChurch.org/give to set up an account, begin a new recurring gift, or update a recurring gift amount to reflect your new 2026-27 pledge (select "General Fund" as the fund).

Cash or Checks may be given in person or mailed to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth MN 55447. Please indicate "General Fund" in the memo.

Appreciated Stock is also a giving option. Before initiating a transfer, please contact Kari Stern, Director of Finance, in the church office at (763) 473-6968 or at kstern@messiahchurch.org.

Qualified Charitable Distribution: If you are 70 1/2 or older you can make charitable donations directly from your IRA. Contact your Financial Advisor.

Planned Giving: Support Messiah through planned giving opportunities such as securities, qualified retirement plan/IRA assets, death benefit from life insurance, and/or real estate. If you would like to learn more about remembering Messiah in your will or with a planned gift, please contact Kari Stern, Director of Finance, in the church office at (763) 473-6968 or at kstern@messiahchurch.org.

what is a PLEDGE

A pledge is an individual's or family's annual commitment to the church of their tithes and offerings in support of Messiah Church's ministry and mission. **Annual pledges support all we do at Messiah.** We plan our ministry and mission by relying on your financial pledges to develop next year's budget.


- 1 Begin with a prayer thanking God for your blessings and asking for discernment.
- 2 Assess your income and current giving.
- 3 Set your giving goal.
- 4 Determine a giving method.
- 5 Worship with gratitude. Fill out the enclosed 2026-27 Estimate of Annual Giving Card and bring it to worship on **Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 am — it's a Worship Together Sunday.** As a congregation we will express our gratitude to God and present our cards. Or return your card any time in May by mailing it to the church office (Messiah Church, attn: Kari Stern, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447), dropping it off in person during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm), or by submitting your pledge online at MessiahChurch.org/pledge.

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2026-27 Guide to Giving TRANSFORMED *by grace*




Messiah
CHURCH

You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of. Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

– Ephesians 2:8-10

Gracious God, your grace transforms me, renewing my heart and freeing me to love and give. Lead me from fear to trust, from scarcity to abundance, from isolation into community. Open my hands and life to your purposes as I ask, "What is mine to do, O God?"

Amen.

WHY

we give

GIVING TO THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS A WAY OF LIFE AND A TANGIBLE ACT OF LOVE FOR GOD & FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

As Christians, we recognize everything we have comes from God, and we are simply sharing these gifts to continue God's work. Through our tithes and offerings, we are saying we trust God and therefore we give to purposes that are aligned with God's purposes. We also demonstrate in a tangible way our love for God and our neighbors.

Each year, we ask our members to commit their tithes and offerings for the coming year in support of Messiah Church's ministry and mission. We do this for three reasons:

- 1 All we have is a gift from God, so we believe that giving to God's work is an act of worship.
- 2 At Messiah, giving is an expectation of membership. The church does not specify how much an individual should give, but we hope each person will commit a percentage of their income and increase that amount as they are able.
- 3 Annual giving makes possible: worship, programs for children and youth, Bible studies, small groups, pastoral care and support, mission trips, community service, building and operational needs, and paying our staff.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

YOUR IMPACT!

TAKE A LOOK AT THE PROFOUND IMPACT YOUR GIFTS HAD IN 2025-26 – LOCALLY & AROUND THE WORLD!



Mortgage paid in full & celebrated with a mortgage burning.



27 new members joined Messiah, including 11 Confirmands.



Cinderella, our 2026 spring musical, brought together over 90 cast & crew, and welcomed more than 1400 guests.

136 Christmas Shoeboxes made & delivered to Spirit Lake Ministry Center.

35 active Youth Group members & 15 youth leaders; 75 kids in the KID Street Sunday & Wednesday programs; 60 kids & 40 volunteers for Vacation Bible Camp; and 20 kids & 10 volunteers for Arts Camp.



Messiah served in mission at STORM Camp in Prior Lake, MN; with YouthWorks in Benton Harbor, MI; with Re-Member on the Pine Ridge Reservation, SD; and at Imara International & Thrive Kenya in Africa.



122 books borrowed from the Messiah library.



200 people attended Jingle Bell Bingo and 50% were newcomers to Messiah.

458 average Sunday worship attendance & 300+ average summer attendance; 766 in attendance for Easter Sunday & 1174 in attendance for Christmas Eve Services — in person & online.



88 shopping trips made & \$14,000 donated and spent on groceries to help Bloom Early Learning & Childcare families through Totes for Hope, our food shelf ministry.



\$203,000 total given for missions beyond Messiah's walls, including \$9,000 for our Emergency Food Drive.