

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 Vanco, our online giving platform. Go to www.MessiahChurch.org, click on "Menu" in the upper right corner, then down to "Give." *In January, please update recurring gift amounts to reflect your 2024 pledge.*

Cash or Checks may be given in person or mailed to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth MN 55447.

Text a dollar amount to (763) 333-2673. First-time donors need to register and provide debit/credit card information. Once registered, giving is simple right from your smart phone.

Appreciated Stock is also a giving option. For help, questions, or before initiating a transfer, please contact Phil Weiler, Director of Operations, at (763) 473-6968 ext 104 or pweiler@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.

Legacy Gifts are a purposeful way of supporting the future ministry and mission of our church. Your estate gift can support Messiah for decades to come through the Living Ministry Endowment. Legacy Gifts can be made from a variety of asset classes such as cash, securities, qualified retirement plan/IRA assets, the death benefit from life insurance, or real estate.

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 of gratitude.
- 2 Assess your income and current giving.
- 3 Set your giving goal.
- 4 Fill out an Estimate of Giving Card online at www.MessiahChurch.org/estimate-of-giving, or bring the enclosed card to worship on Sunday, November 19, or mail it to the church office (Messiah Church, attn: Paul Lohse, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447) by Thursday, November 30.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING COMMITMENTS
CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT
WWW.MESSIAHCHURCH.ORG/ESTIMATE-OF-GIVING

Questions?

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MESSIAH'S LIVING MINISTRY ENDOWMENT
Planned Legacy Giving
Contact Pastor Tami Luckhardt
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2024
Guide to Giving

How will **You** Measure
Your Life?

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken, let's continue to express our gratitude. With this gratitude, let's serve in a way that is pleasing to God with respect and awe.

— HEBREWS 12:28


Messiah
CHURCH

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 2023 – locally & around the world!

Our building is shared with: eQuality, Bloom Early Learning, Al-Anon, scouts & BNI; and hosted four Annual Conference events, Re-Member's annual board meeting, multiple music festivals, Red Cross blood drives & voting.



Our *Church on the Go* podcast has over 3,300 unique downloads since March.



Summer Vacation Bible Camp & KID Street Arts Camp welcomed over 100 kids.

Welcomed our neighbors to our July Block Party.



Dedicated 100 new pavers in the Celebration Garden.

Installed new security cameras & enhanced wifi. Heritage Hall makeover made possible through an estate gift.



Welcomed the community to our second annual Fa La La Family Fun Festival in December.

Hired a new staff position: part-time Technology Specialist.



Commissioned mission trips to Prior Lake, MN; Sisseton, SD; the Pine Ridge Reservation, SD; & Kenya, Africa.

Giving to missions totals over \$125,000 year-to-date.



Collected over 7,000 snacks for Oakwood Elementary School.



Rice Packing & School Kit Packing for Midwest Mission – part of the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) supply network.



Sponsor and support a refugee family from Afghanistan.