

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

PLAZA OF THE CROSS



A SACRED PLACE AT THE HEART OF MESSIAH

Remembering. Celebrating. Seeking. Resting

A NEW SACRED CENTER FOR OUR CAMPUS

Throughout Scripture, sacred spaces mattered. Not because God could be contained in them — but because they helped people remember.

Remember who they were. Remember whose they were.

The Plaza of the Cross will become a contemplative gathering place at the heart of our campus, anchored by the relocation of our beloved

“Love God, Love One Another” Cross.

For years, that Cross has stood as a visible expression of Messiah’s identity and calling. Now it will move to the center of our shared life — surrounded by pathways, benches, flowers, and thoughtful design — creating a space for both quiet reflection and meaningful connection.

This Plaza will be a place where:

- Prayers are whispered
- Loved ones are remembered
- Milestones are celebrated
- Grieving hearts find comfort
- Neighbors pause for stillness
- Children ask questions beneath the Cross

The Plaza of the Cross will reflect who we are — a community committed to loving God and loving one another.

AN INVITATION TO PARTNERSHIP

The full vision — relocating the Cross and completing the surrounding sacred space — represents an investment of \$175,000 in beauty, remembrance, and community life. Because of remarkable generosity already given — from the Shirey family, The Olson Company, David Price the designer of the cross and plaza, and other memorial gifts — nearly \$100,000 has already been entrusted to this vision.

This is not about meeting a number.

It is about shaping a place that will outlast us — a space where stories will unfold beneath the Cross for decades to come.

You may participate through:

- Engraved bricks honoring someone you love
- Sponsorship of benches, planters, landscaping, and signage
- Support of the new “Love God, Love One Another” feature
- Becoming a Patron of the Plaza through a significant gift

Every gift becomes part of sacred ground.

And together, we will complete something that quietly proclaims:

Love God. Love One Another.

A SEED OF LOVE: HONORING TREVOR SHIREY

With gratitude and tender hearts, we remember Trevor Shirey.

Trevor, who died tragically in his mid-twenties, was a devoted son of Dennis and Rosie Shirey, a faithful follower of Jesus, a cherished member of our congregation, and a young man who served our country. He loved his family deeply and delighted in the beauty of God’s creation.

In his memory, the Shirey family established a meaningful memorial fund at Messiah, seeking a way to honor Trevor’s life in a way that would bless others.

As the vision for a gathering space beneath the Cross was described — a place for remembrance, reflection, and renewal — Trevor’s mother said: “I know the Plaza of the Cross is bigger than Trevor’s story... but what a beautiful gift we can give to others in his name. This is exactly what we’ve been waiting for.” Her words capture something essential.

The Plaza is larger than any one life and now Trevor’s memory is woven into a sacred space that will bless many for years to come.

WHAT THIS PLAZA WILL MEAN

Imagine a young family sitting quietly on a bench at sunset.
A family taking pictures on baptism Sunday beneath the cross.
A grieving spouse tracing a loved one's name in brick.
A student pausing before an exam.
A couple celebrating fifty years of marriage.
A neighbor wandering in, simply seeking peace.
And at the center of it all — the Cross.
A reminder that God is near.
That love endures.
That grace meets us in every season of life.

THE ARTIST'S STATEMENT

"The story of the cross began 2,000 years ago. I unexpectedly picked up its trail in my garage woodshop while working with poplar, creating a small maquette (24 inches high). Artists and architects have explored the cross for centuries, and I wondered if there might be a new way to express its meaning. The answer came through the process of making.

I shared the wooden model with Pastor Bob Mooney of Messiah Lutheran Church in Yorba Linda, and it eventually became a commissioned sculpture. The cross was fabricated in stainless steel, standing 20 feet tall, and installed above a fountain I designed during the church's campus development fifteen years ago.

Now the cross, titled **"Love God, Love One Another"**, will be relocated to a new home beside the Worship Center in the **Plaza of the Cross**. My hope was to create a joyful, almost dancing cross—one that invites people to experience God's love and to live the simple command to love one another.

What has humbled me most is how the people of Messiah Lutheran embraced this cross and are now bringing it to the heart of their campus. My own journey with the cross began with a simple piece of wood and an idea whose meaning unfolded along the way. I am deeply grateful to all who are part of this story, and I hope its message continues to inspire purpose and love in those who encounter it."
-David Price, Architect, Artist, and Creator of the "Love God, Love One Another" Cross.

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