

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for June 16, 2021

Messiah Events & News

On the web...

go to messiahlutheranmqt.org for more information about our congregation and “like” us on Facebook to receive updates and information there.

Messiah Lutheran Church seeks to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion.

We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant and eternal life.

We may not always be as welcoming as we should be, but this is our intention—all are welcome!



Vacation Bible School – Compassion Camp

We will hold Vacation Bible School virtually again this year the week of June 28th. Last year we had great participation and even had families across the country get involved. Whether you have kids or are a kid at heart we hope that you will enjoy the videos, projects, movement, and

music that will accompany VBS this year. Our theme is [Compassion Camp: Be Kind. Be Loved. Be You.](#)

Kids and families will explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. While it is geared toward both preschool-aged children and K-5th graders, it is extremely flexible, adaptable, and fun for the entire family, older siblings included. Videos from our volunteers will be released throughout the week of the 28th and resource packets will be mailed to families the week preceding VBS.

To sign up for VBS, go to Messiah's website: www.messiahlutheranmqt.org

Memorial for Ben Brow on June 27

The family of Ben Brow will be having a memorial and a celebration of Ben's life on Sunday June 27 at the Presque Isle Pavilion from 4 to 6:30 pm. If you would be interested in assisting with refreshments, you may contact Inga in the church office. Please continue to hold Ben's parents, Ron and Jane, and Ben's brother Brad in your prayers.

Worship Volunteers Needed!

We are so excited to return to in-person worship next month! Not only will we get to celebrate together, we also have the opportunity to welcome worshippers and contribute to assisting the pastors in worship. Yes, this means that we need worship volunteers! No previous experience required—we are happy to show you the ropes.

You will find sign-in sheets for all three services (5 pm on Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 on Sunday) on the welcome table by the church office. Due to re-opening guidelines, the usher duties have changed a little—please talk to Inga in the church office for more details.

The church belongs to the people—we invite you to contribute to our worship life as a community!

Worship in the Park, June 30

Join us for Worship in the Park on Wednesday, June 30th at 6:30 pm!

We invite you to join us at the Presque Isle band shell for worship - wearing masks and staying physically distanced. Lawn chairs are welcomed, but there are also many benches. If you are able to help transport the sound equipment to the bandshell from Double Trouble in Harvey (or return it after the service), please contact Inga in the church office. We hope you will be able to come!

Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine — June 17

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastor Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

Our relationship to the shooter, as well as two of the slain, reminds us of both our complicity and our calling. Together we confess that we are in bondage to the sins of racism and white supremacy, and, at the same time, we rejoice in the freedom that is ours in Christ Jesus who “has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us” (Ephesians 2:14). May God continue to guide us as we seek repentance and renewal, and racial justice and reconciliation among God’s precious children.

Christian Education Coordinator Position

Messiah is looking for a Christian Education Coordinator. The position is quarter time with the possibility for growth. The primary responsibilities would include coordinating Sunday School curriculum and volunteers with an emphasis on activities that benefit the faith formation of Sunday School aged children (ages 3 years old to 5th grade). The hours are flexible but weekends, especially Sundays, are essential. We hope to fill this position with someone who has a strong personal faith, a heart for children, and strong administrative skills. Messiah is a Lutheran congregation of the ELCA. We are affirming and welcoming of individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance.

The full job description is available on Messiah’s website
www.messiahlutheranmgt.org/pages/employment

Special Events for June & July

June 17 Council meeting

June 28 VBS - Virtual (this week) - Monday-Friday

June 30 Worship at Presque Isle Band Shell at 6:30 pm

July 1 Effective today, Messiah will open for in-person worship
July 3 Saturday worship at 5:00 pm
July 4 Sunday worship at 8:30 am & 10:30 am
July 10 Norway Grove arrives and stays at Messiah for a week
July 17 First Communion Class from 10am-12pm

The New Free Store Donations and Request for Help

The New Free Store is an inter-faith, non-profit group supporting people in the greater Marquette area who express a need for free clothing, linen, hygiene & cleaning supplies. Over 850 families are now registered to shop for free & that number continues to grow. When doing your weekly shopping, please remember the items noted below in the coming months. Thank you for your support! Feel free to leave these items in **The New Free Store** 'drop-box' in Messiah's narthex.

**June - hand sanitizer, male/female razors*

**July - male/female deodorant*

The New Free Store building, which is located in Harvey, is on the market. They share the space with Lakestate Industries. The building is being sold through Northern Michigan Landbrokers. Depending on what the buyer decides, The New Free Store could continue on in the same building and pay rent; or if they need to vacate the space, they are looking for anyone that might have a suggestion of space for them to use. **If you know of any open space in Marquette that would be well suited for them, they would appreciate you sharing that with them.** Thank you!

The New Free Store would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to members & friends of Messiah who continue to help their operations, in many ways. They are thankful for Messiah members who volunteer with their organization; and they are grateful for all the items that are donated to them from Messiah members & friends who leave items at Messiah.

Messiah Birthdays

Wednesday 16 Jenni Blondeau, Jean Reynolds, June Swanson
Thursday 17 Grace Gronowski, Terry Langenberg, Ross Larson, Betsy Little
Friday 18 Meghan MacPhee, Mylee Muscoe, Jane Phillips
Saturday 19 Courtney McGovern, Joel Tervo, Jan Vickstrom
Sunday 20 Carol Bell, Gabe Gentz, Amber Hewitt, Taylor McGovern
Monday 21 Mackenzie Beaudoin, Grace Chien, Lars Gentz
Tuesday 22 Evan Fezatt, Carol Masuga

Wednesday 23 Marjorie Andersen

Thursday 24 Ellen Cosner, Clayton Evans, Effie Jussila, Elden Wilder

Friday 25 Don Dreisbach, Jon Magnuson, Logan Peterson

Saturday 26 Eliisa Gladwell

Sunday 27 Stephen Luty, Ben Taylor

Monday 28 Jessica Boehlke, Grayson Wash

Tuesday 29 Finn Bennett, Jaime Olson

Wednesday 30 Jason Elsenbroek, Melissa Hill, Chuck Suckow

In the Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pastor Andrew Plocher and Pastor Molly Eversoll would like to visit you while you are there. If you can't notify Messiah, please ask a family member to do so.

In Our Prayers

Ceil Aikala & family upon the passing of her son Craig Aikala; Grace Wurster, Marjorie Vidlund; Paul Marin; Jennifer Letvenow; Pauline Kiltinen; Mike McGrath; Former Bishop Dale & Jo Skogman; Herb & Sandy Grenke; Jean Rahilly; Chris Heiskanen; Roger; Brian; Sigurds Janners; Carol; Chris; Phyllis; Jon; Larry; Lee; Wil; Jamie Baril; Jan Brown; Johnnie; Ray Hasenhauer; John & Rose Collins; Scotti Oja & her family; Jess Laxo & her grandma Betty; Erin Andrews; Tina & her roommate; Ted Koehler; Carol; Matthew Williamson; Linda Ruohoniemi; Jim Shirtz; Cheryl; Billi Jo; Wayne Hanmer; Judy Donckers; Karen Johnson; Jill Krah; Michael Orhanen; Kristina Asta; Jim, Alli & Johann Elsenbroek; Alison Cory; John; Sierra; Sandy; Charlene Avery; Liz Kro

Note: You may call the church office or talk to one of the pastors, if you would like a person named in the congregation's prayers. Please obtain permission from the person to list his/her name in the bulletin. In order to keep the list up to date and manageable in size, we will list each person for a short time, after which the name will be removed. If at that point, you would like to continue listing the person, please call the church office or speak to one of the pastors.

Pastor on Call:

Pastor Andrew is on call June 16, 20-23.

Pastor Molly is on call June 17-19.

Messiah Newsletters

Messiah newsletters and the weekly E-news are all available at www.messiahlutheranmgt.org. The online Messenger (monthly newsletter) includes all the stories and information but saves the paper!

Scripture Reading This Week – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Job 38:1-11*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 4:35-41*

Worship Volunteers

Sunday June 20

Reader: Ruth Robb

Sunday June 27

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Messiah gathers for in-person worship beginning in July

Saturday July 3– 5:00 pm in sanctuary

Ushers: Barb Salmela, Billie Johnson

Assisting Minister: Chris Kotila

Sunday July 4– 8:30 am in sanctuary and on 101.9 FM, Vimeo and Facebook

Ushers: Dave Blomquist, Mike and Emily Coyne

Reader: Fred Maynard

Assisting Minister: Mary Lou Blomquist

Sunday July 4– 10:30 am in sanctuary and on Vimeo and Facebook

Ushers: Dave Luoma, **two needed**

Reader: Jill Luoma

Assisting Minister: Anna Zimmer

Announcements and Classified Ads

Furniture Giveaway

Couch and loveseat free to a good home. Contact the Blomquists at 906-221-1888.

Ride with Pride

Decorate your car and meet in the PEIF parking lot to drive around Marquette and show your pride, Saturday June 26 from 4 to 6 pm. Go to facebook.com/uprainbowpride for more information.

Do you have an announcement?

Send announcements and ads to Inga Banitt (inga@messiahlutheranmqt.org). Send concert or performance information, yard sale announcements, party invitations, requests for babysitters, yard maintenance, rooms for rent and items for sale. We will run announcements for two weeks. E-newsletter deadline is noon on Tuesdays.

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