

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for May 11, 2022

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!



Synod Assembly – Saturday, May 14

Synod Assembly this year will be a hybrid virtual and in-person with the business meeting and the gathering of Conference 8 taking place at Messiah on Saturday, May 14th.

The synod writes,

We look forward to offering again a week full of pre-assembly workshops and content. Opening worship will premiere on the NGLS YouTube channel on Friday, May 13th and links for visitors

to view the business meeting will be available on our website & Facebook page. Voting members are required to be physically present at their host site to vote during the business portions of the Assembly on Saturday, May 14th.

Community Meals are BACK!

We are excited to announce that our monthly community meals are back! We are looking to create 4 teams of cooks/planners to prepare a meal for about 75 people on the first Wednesday of each month. Each month the team will need a set of volunteers that would be willing to setup the room for dinner (2 volunteers); serve the dinner (3-4 volunteers) to the people; cleanup after the dinner (2 volunteers).

Currently we are in need of a volunteer to work with someone who has already signed up to be the cook/planner for the June 1st community meal. We do need at least two volunteers to plan/prepare the meal. If you are interested in working with this other volunteer, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Baby Care Kit Collection

Rachel Circle will be collecting items in **May** for the Baby Care kits that we assemble for Lutheran World Relief.

The kits contain the following items in 12-24 months sizes:

- *Lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies)
- *Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- *Bath size bars of Ivory soap equaling 8-9 oz., in original wrapping
- *Hand towels, dark colors

The above items are the ones most needed. We are also accepting:

Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include baby cap

Pair of socks

Diaper pins or large safety pins

Receiving blankets (could be crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn up to 52 inches square)

Cloth diapers, flats-fold preferred

Monetary donations are also welcomed and may be dropped off or mailed to the office. Rachel Circle would like to thank you in advance for your help and contributions. There is a collection bin in the Narthex.

Job – When Justice Goes Wrong

Why do bad things happen? Faith has wrestled with this question for thousands of years. The book of Job begins with the story of a good man who suffered and did not deserve it.

Everything he loved was wrenched away from him; and Job cried out to God: "I just don't understand!"

Then came his "friends," who all had easy answers. "You must have deserved it," or "This will make you a better person." And Job still cried out to God. And then God answered...

What was God's answer? And how would it affect our lives? Come explore this book with us, for **six** sessions on Wednesday evenings (meeting at 7:00 pm in room 202). Be warned: this book pulls no punches. Both Job and Job's friends who criticize him make their best case, in some of the finest poetry in the Hebrew Bible, all of them drawing on arguments deeply rooted in the Scripture. Job was written for people who were ready to ask hard questions. So much so, that people committed to easy answers have sometimes thought it just shouldn't be in the Bible! But it is.

Come join us. This book may surprise you. - - - Allan E. Johnson

Zoom QiGong

Zoom QiGong for Health & Wellness, Balance & Fall Prevention. Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm – Diana Magnuson 906-362-9386/ magnusondiana@gmail.com

Apology for Sponsorship Errors

We would like to apologize for the errors in the flower & radio sponsorships on the weekend of May 7 & 8. This is what it should have been:

Flowers: To the Glory of God & In Loving Memory of...

- * Carol Jarvis from Cathy, Brian, Jennifer & Kevin
- * Ted Koehler's 93rd birthday from Ruth Koehler
- * our beloved mother, Lolita Johnson on Mother's Day

Radio: To the Glory of God & In Loving Memory of...

- * our mother Elsie (Makinen-Wiinamaki). In God's peace & blessings from Terry Keuscher

Livestream: To the Glory of God...

- * from Messiah
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Messiah Birthdays

May 11 Sue Hewitt, Sherry Mattson

May 12 Sharon Arntsen, Sondra Cryderman, Aurora Kinnunen, Luke Mead

May 13 Madison Balding, Dan Wolf, Anna Zimmer
May 14 Traci Busick, Chris Kotila, Scott Krah
May 15 John Collins
May 16 No birthdays
May 17 Tom Bronken, Owen Stevens
May 18 Dale Alanko, Leslie Jarvi, Ken Vickstrom
May 19 Jude Balding, Karen Oslund, Nancy Raisanen, Dave Skoog, Maxine Weeks
May 20 Elmer Moisio
May 21 Marianne Brugman, Ralph Christensen, Ron Hill, Kiera Summersett
May 22 Raquel Orhanen, Barb Salmela
May 23 John VanDreel
May 24 Maria Mendini-Fuller
May 25 Liam Ulland-Joy

Synod Assembly-World Hunger Donations

Thanks to all the caring people at Messiah. Our World Hunger challenge for the Synod Assembly offering totaled \$7,130 this year. Special thanks to the anonymous donor who got things started with a \$1500.00 challenge gift. Messiah always comes through!

Sunday School

After much debate, we have decided to continue with Sunday School into the month of June -- our last day will be whenever Marquette schools finish up. With the two snow days before spring break, the last day of school is now scheduled for Monday, June 13. Our last Sunday School will likely be June 12. I plan to have Sunday School on Memorial Day weekend as well. But keep an eye on your emails in case the schedule changes!

In other news, I graduated from Northern Michigan University with my Bachelor's of Science degree to teach English in grade 6-12 on April 30. Thanks for all of the well wishes!

As usual, if you have any questions, feel free to email me at miss.grace.gronowski@gmail.com.

--- Grace Gronowski, Christian Education Coordinator

Vacation Bible School

Parents, mark your calendars for the week of June 27th (M-Th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm). Vacation Bible School will be happening this year in-person at Messiah and we are excited to welcome camp staffers from Fortune Lake who will be running it along with volunteers from Messiah. This year's theme is Boundless, God Beyond Measure. Your child will learn all about God and Jesus' extravagant and boundless love that comes into our world and our lives.

Registration forms for VBS can be found on the welcome table outside of the church office. We can also email them to you if you contact either Pr. Molly or the church office (molly@messiahlutheranmqt.org or office@messiahlutheranmqt.org)

We are looking for those interested in:

* **volunteering as adult helpers (in need of three adults per day; M-Th)**

* **several households who would be willing to house the staffers from Fortune Lake camp during the week**

If you are able to do so or interested in knowing more, please contact the church office.

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

With the warmer weather, the OWLS are now walking at Mattson (Lower Harbor) Park on Mondays at 10:00 am. If the weather turns nasty, the Dome is usually open for walking, too, and we can walk there. Please join us. Take along your coffee or tea and a snack for yourself, and we can sit and visit at the picnic tables after walking. Any walking speed or distance is just fine. We feel it's important to get out, get some exercise, and most importantly, to visit with others especially during this isolating time. If you have any questions, feel free to call or text Louise at 906-250-3990. All are welcome, and we hope to see you soon!!

In the Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pr. Andrew Plocher & Pr. 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

Kristina Asta, Larry; Alli & Johan Elsenbroek; Jack VanAlstine; John; Billie Johnson; Jeff Bruning; Mike Cooper; Bob; Les Scheuren; Sandy Grenke; Leah Rodda; Brenda Blett; John Collins; Linda & Dan; Claire; David Shaver; Tobe Anderson; Ken Smith; Chuck; Daniel & Marcos; Mary Leslie; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Ann Lahti; Marjorie Vidlund; Chris Heiskanen; Jamie Baril; Tina & her roommate; Matthew Williamson; Jim Shirtz; Wayne Hanmer; Judy Donckers; Karen Johnson; Michael Orhanen; Sierra; Charlene Avery

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.

2022 Pride Fest

After two very long years, we will be having a celebration Pride Fest. This is the 7th U.P. Pride Festival. It will be held in Mattson Lower Harbor Park on June 11th from 1:00 - 11:00 pm. There will be entertainment throughout the day, vendor tables, and other informational tables. Come and support our LGBTQ+ community.

Pastor on Call:

Pastor Andrew is on call: May 11 (on Study Leave May 15-19)

Pastor Molly is on call: May 12-18

Scripture Reading This Week – Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading..... Acts 11:1-18

Gospel Reading..... Revelation 21:1-6

Worship Volunteers

Saturday May 14 – 5:00 pm in the Atrium

Assisting Minister: Kathy Godec

Usher: Barb Salmela

Sunday May 15 – 8:30 am in sanctuary & on 101.9 FM, Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Kathy Maynard

Reader: Fred Maynard

Ushers: Barb Avery, Linda Berry

Communion Assistants: Bruce Robertson, Beth Krznarich

Greeters: Sherry Labbe, Penny Streeter

Sunday May 15 – 10:30 am in sanctuary, on Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Ruth Robb

Reader: Mike Hill

Ushers: Dave & Jill Luoma

Communion Assistants: Ruth Robb, Mike Hill, Sandy Lindberg

Greeters: Milt & Boli Soderberg

Projection Technician: **one needed**

Sunday Nursery Attendant: Jaime Davis
Altar Flower delivery: Bev Evans

Announcements and Classified Ads

Do you have an announcement?

Send announcements & ads to Jen Dodge (jen@messiahlutheranmqt.org). Send concert or performance information, yard sale announcements, party invitations, requests for babysitters, yard maintenance, rooms for rent and items for sale. E-newsletter deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesdays.

Rental Need in the Community

A house or apartment for family of three who have recently moved back to Marquette. Eligible for a section 8 housing voucher. Please call the church office and leave a message for Mary Lou Blomquist if you can help.

Marquette County Community Baby Shower

Dear Marquette County Partner, The Marquette County Community Baby Shower committee has begun planning the 27th annual community baby shower. The goal of the shower is two-fold, one; to inform families of services and resources that are available in our community and two; to assist families with obtaining necessary supplies their infants might otherwise go without. The baby shower is scheduled for Friday, May 27, 2022. This event is free of charge and open to all Marquette County families with an expectant mother or with an infant under six months of age.

The continued success of the Community Baby Shower is dependent upon the support of community members and service organizations. You can assist by providing a monetary donation or new baby items. All donations can be mailed or dropped off at:

CAAM- Attn: Accounting
1125 Commerce Dr.
Marquette, MI 49855

Make checks payable to: CAAM for Marquette County Community Baby Shower

Thank you for your participation in this important community event.

Sincerely,

Trecia Nickerson, Community Baby Shower Chair

Phone: 906-228-6522 ext. 257 or email: tnickerson@communityactionam.org

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Pastoral Staff

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Associate Pastor - Molly Eversoll

Office Staff

Parish Administrator - Jennifer Dodge

Administrative Assistant - Julia Kettle

Parish Accountant - Mike Hill

Financial Secretary - Nancy Hoover

Messiah Custodian - Kevin McGrath

Music Staff

Music Director - David Dagenais

Bell Choir Director - Judy Quirk

Organist - Kathy Strazzinski

Pianist - Lynne Lanczy