

# Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Answering God's call to love

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## Messiah ENewsletter for May 25, 2022

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*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!*



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### Fortune Lake International Staff Host

Things are heating up here at Fortune Lake as we prepare for a fantastic summer at camp. An exciting thing about our incoming group is that **we are welcoming five international staff members!** Because these talented young people will be arriving when we're in the throes of staff training, I need help getting them from the airport to camp and helping them get settled. I

would also like to facilitate the forming of additional relationships outside of the immediate FLLC staff. This is where you come in...

### **Might you be willing to serve as a host for an international staff person?**

The role would include the following:

- \*Meeting the staff person at the airport and helping them get to Fortune Lake. Depending on their arrival time, this may include coming directly to camp or staying overnight at a different location (possibly your house).
- \*Stopping at a store and/or restaurant to make sure the staff person is fed and has all of the necessary supplies they need to feel comfortable at camp. Fortune Lake will provide bedding and towels, and they will come with their personal items. They may wish to make a stop for toiletries, bug spray, sunscreen, snacks, etc.
- \*Dropping the staff person off at Fortune Lake and helping them to get settled and introduced to other staff members.
- \*Engaging with the staff person via mail, email, or even visits occasionally throughout the summer. You may consider inviting them to your home on a weekend off or coming to camp and taking them out for ice cream.
- \*Ideally, bringing them back to the airport for their departing flight. I realize that schedules might not line up on both ends, and if they don't please don't let this be a deal breaker.

I've put together a spreadsheet to keep track of each person's flight information. Everyone will be arriving sometime between May 24-30 and departing between August 12-17.

- - - Amanda Rasner, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Director

If you are interested in helping FLLC in this capacity, please contact Fortune Lake directly or contact our church office. Thank you all for considering!

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### **Community Meal – June 1st**

Please join us for our community meal on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in Magnuson Hall. We will be cooking/serving summer picnic food, to include bratwurst, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, potato salad & dessert! We look forward to our time together with you!

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### **Suppers For Six**

Suppers for Six is a fun, yet relaxing, and easy way to get to know other folks who attend our Messiah. It is an opportunity to meet new people, form new friendships, and get to know each other better.

Three couples (or a combination of couples and singles) are grouped together for a three-month period. Over the course of three months, these six people will gather at least once a month to share a meal together. The groups can choose to meet in a home, in a restaurant, or for a picnic.

If interested, a sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Table outside the church office (or contact the church office). At the end of May, once folks have signed up, groups will be formed and everyone in the group will be notified and given a list of the group members and contact information (and who will be hosting first, second, and third). The meals are meant to be potluck with everyone bringing something to share or for groups that prefer not to cook, you can meet at an agreed upon restaurant. The group can be as creative or simple as they choose in the meals they enjoy.

What about kids? Parents are welcome to sign up (please do!), and it is up to the individual group to determine if children will be a part of the meal or not. Ideas for dealing with the kids include: children can play or watch TV quietly in another room after the meal so the adults can talk, a teen child of someone in the group might be willing to baby sit young children at the parent's home, or parents of young children may need to find their own baby sitter.

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## **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.

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## **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, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Room #202 (last class on June 8<sup>th</sup>). 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

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## **Zoom QiGong**

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

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## **Messiah Birthdays**

May 25	Liam Ulland-Joy
May 26	No birthdays
May 27	Laura Goodney
May 28	Miriam Mattson, Michael Peterson
May 29	Kelly Bartlett, Joe Blemberg, Jim Duranceau
May 30	No birthdays
May 31	Conrad Jewett, Jeannie Wagner
June 1	Ron Brow, Augie Gentz
June 2	Sandy Lindberg
June 3	Gayle Mack
June 4	No birthdays
June 5	No birthdays
June 6	Rick Beyers, Joan Gauthier, Lois Kampe, Sally McQueen
June 7	Barb Orhanen
June 8	John Gustafson, John Kiltinen, Judy Quirk

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## **World Hunger Update**

This year's Synod Assembly brought in \$27,500 last weekend. Messiah contributed \$7,130 of that amount. These gifts are especially important because of the war in Ukraine and COVID which created special challenges in the global food system. We all feel it's effects in terms of distribution, rising costs and shortages of items we eat and use.

We recognize that we have a globalized, interconnected food system in our world. War in Ukraine impacts wheat and maize production in both Ukraine and Russia - this part of the world is known as the "Bread basket of Europe". Growing numbers of refugees present major food issues.

Philosopher Jacques Deireda said, "When we eat, we never eat alone". We enjoy the fruits of God's creation because of neighbors all over the world. The work of ELCA World Hunger seeks to assist those who farm and harvest those fruits. Approximately \$8 million was spent in 2021 on sustainable food related programs in 67 countries around the world. The work is not done, the needs continue.

Contributions to ELCA World Hunger and ELCA Disaster Relief are important ways to help.

*- - - Mary Lou Blomquist*

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## **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. Soon we will have the google registration form online so you can sign-up your children.

Children who have completed Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend.

We are looking for those interested in:

**\* volunteering as adult helpers (in need of three adults per day; Monday-Thursday)**

**\* several households who would be willing to house the staffers from Fortune Lake camp during the week (Sunday evening through Thursday afternoon)**

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

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### **OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)**

Please join the OWLS on Mondays at 10:00 am to walk at Mattson (Lower Harbor) Park. We meet near the ice cream store adjacent to the parking lot. If the weather turns nasty, the Dome is usually open for walking, too, and we can walk there. 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. There is always someone to walk along with you, and you are welcome to bring along a friend. 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!!

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### **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.

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### **In Our Prayers**

Arlene Rajala; Greg & Kelly Bartlett upon the passing of Kelly's father, Leonard Blue; Bromley; Peter; Helen Steinhoff's niece & Darlene Martin's cousin, Carla, who passed away at 57 years of age; Diane; Kristina Asta; Larry; Alli & Johan Elsenbroek; Jack VanAlstine; John; Jeff Bruning; Mike Cooper; Bob; Les Scheuren; Sandy Grenke; Leah Rodda; Brenda Blett; John Collins; Linda & Dan; Claire; David Shaver; 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.

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### **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.

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### **Pastor on Call:**

Pastor Andrew is on call: May 25, 29-31, June 1

Pastor Molly is on call: May 26-28

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### **Scripture Reading This Week – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading**..... Acts 16:16-34

**Gospel Reading**..... John 17:20-26

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### **Worship Volunteers**

#### **Saturday May 28 – 5:00 pm in the Atrium**

Assisting Minister: Kathy Godec

Usher: Chris Kotila

#### **Sunday May 29 – 8:30 am in sanctuary & on 101.9 FM, Vimeo & Facebook**

Assisting Minister: Larry Pagel

Reader: Larry Pagel

Ushers: Al & Gail Edgar

Communion Assistants: Beth Krznarich, Terry Langenberg, Larry Pagel

Greeters: Justin & Anna Wild

#### **Sunday May 29 – 10:30 am in sanctuary, on Vimeo & Facebook**

Assisting Minister: Ruth Robb

Reader: Mike Hill

Ushers: Jill Luoma, **one more needed**

Communion Assistants: Mike Hill, Sandy Lindberg, **one more needed**

Greeters: Linda Carlson, **one more needed**

Projection Technician: **one needed**

Nursery Attendant on Sunday: **one needed**

Altar Flower delivery: Jill Luoma

### **Announcements and Classified Ads**

## **Do you have an announcement?**

Send announcements & ads to Jen Dodge ([jen@messiahlutheranmqt.org](mailto: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.

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## **Pastoral Staff**

Senior Pastor - Andrew Plocher

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