

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for June 22, 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!*



Vacation Bible School – Volunteers

We have a full set of volunteers for our week of Vacation Bible School! Thank you to all of you who offered to help throughout the week. We certainly could not do this without you!

Soul Shop for Leaders

This conference will be held at Messiah on Friday, June 24th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in Magnuson Hall. It is a one-day workshop designed to equip faith community leaders to minister to those impacted by suicide. This includes the creation of worship resource, training congregation members in suicide awareness and basic conversation skills, and the how to extend the invitation to those who have been suicidal in the past to share their stories. This workshop engages the question of how to cultivate a soul-safe culture within your congregation.

The cost of this conference is \$25.00.

You can register at: www.soulshopmovement.org/upcoming

If you have any questions, you may contact Marna Franson at marna@upepiscopal.org or at 906-458-6395.

Do you like to prepare meals for others?

Would you like to prepare lunch for 6 people? If so, please sign up at the welcome table to prepare or provide a restaurant gift card for one of these meals during the week of VBS (June 27-30). We are in need of 1 more lunch (11:30 am) for 6 people. (It should include one vegetarian option)

Would you like to provide snacks for our volunteers & Fortune Lake staff? Feel free to drop any snacks off at the church office this week. Thank you for considering!

Upcoming Events

June 24 Soul Shop for Leaders from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in Magnuson Hall

June 26 Fortune Lake staff arrive and participate in our 10:30 am worship. Get ready to learn some fun, new, uplifting songs!

June 27 Vacation Bible School starts at 9:00 am & ends at 3:00 pm. The last day is Thursday, June 30th.

July 4 Messiah's office will be closed in observance of the Fourth of July.

ELCA Advocacy Alert

We won't let this moment pass. Call today and use your actions to demand policy change.

We refuse to numb ourselves to the horrors of recent tragedies including those in Buffalo, NY; Uvalde, TX; and additional near-daily shootings in communities across our country. Sadly, we and our leaders have failed to respond to the call for common sense gun violence prevention legislation. Renew your cry of painful necessity to insist on bipartisan gun reform policy, and as you are able, be a visible presence in your communities allied in commitment to end senseless shootings.

CALL to Push ACTION NOW

Call your Senator today from the Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121 and ask them to support bi-partisan legislation to stop gun violence in our nation. Not sure who to ask for? Look-up from <http://www.govtrack.us>.

Using your own viewpoint, share: "I am from (your locality), and I support bi-partisan legislation to stop gun violence including stronger background checks, ending the sale of military-style rifles domestically, and laws that restrict access to guns for individuals who are at a higher risk of harming themselves or others."

Faithful Response

We have resolved as a church to work for the passage and strict enforcement of laws that control the manufacture and sale of weapons not used for hunting and sport, or for use other than law enforcement and military purposes (see ELCA social policy resolutions "Community Violence – Gun Control" and "Gun Violence Prevention"). After the school shooting in Uvalde, TX, the ELCA's statement (5/26/22) said: "We join with others in pushing to stem the proliferation of guns in our streets, schools and communities, and to end the culture of violence that pervades our media and society."

We begin with confession, as Lutheran Christians, of what we have done and left undone. And this confession brings us to action. Please call and not let this horrific moment pass without change.

Call your Senator today at 202-224-3121 and use the Action Alert in the ELCA Action Center to also share your message.

Messiah's next Community Meal – August 3rd

Please join us for our next community meal on Wednesday, August 3rd at 6:00 pm in Magnuson Hall (there is not a community meal in July). We look forward to our time together with you!

Zoom QiGong

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

Messiah Birthdays

June 22	Carol Masuga
June 23	Marjorie Andersen
June 24	Ellen Cosner, Clayton Evans, Effie Jussila, Elden Wilder
June 25	Don Dreisbach, Jon Magnuson, Logan Peterson
June 26	Eliisa Gladwell-Herman
June 27	Stephen Luty, Benjamin Taylor
June 28	Jessica Boehlke, Grayson Wash
June 29	Finn Bennett, Jaime Olson
June 30	Jason Elsenbroek, Melissa Hill, Chuck Suckow
July 1	Fernando Galvez, Lincoln Gordon
July 2	Kathy Bergh, Garrett Crimmins, Olivia Ruuska, Paula Taylor
July 3	Linda Bullock
July 4	Louise Anderson
July 5	Maria Flores, Charlie Ruuska
July 6	Helen Johnson, Jocelyn Mead

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!!

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

Marlene Nier; Laura Goodney & family upon the passing of her father, Tom McNabb; Marshall Lovan; Bill Weaver; Arlene Rajala; Bromley; Peter; Kristina Asta; Larry; Alli & Johan Elsenbroek; John; Jeff Bruning; Mike Cooper; Bob; Les Scheuren; Sandy Grenke; Leah Rodda; Brenda Blett; John Collins; Linda Hutter Reiter; 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.

Pastor on Call:

Pastor Andrew is on call: June 22, 26-29

Pastor Molly is on call: June 23-25

Scripture Reading This Week – The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Gospel Reading..... Luke 9:51-62

Worship Volunteers

Saturday June 25 – 5:00 pm in the Atrium

Assisting Minister: Chris Kotila

Communion Assistant: Barb Salmela

Sunday June 26 – 8:30 am in sanctuary & on 101.9 FM, Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Jen Bleckiner

Reader: Jen Bleckiner

Ushers: Mike & Emily Coyne

Communion Assistants: Ray Jarvis, Grant Soltwisch, **one more needed**

Greeters: Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Sunday June 26 – 10:30 am in sanctuary, on Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Mike Hill
Reader: Mike Hill
Ushers: Two needed
Communion Assistants: Mike Hill, Sandy Lindberg, One more needed
Greeters: Two needed

Nursery Attendant on Sunday: Michaelleen OSullivan
Altar Flower delivery: Barb Avery

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.

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