

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for August 10, 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!



Messiah Grief Group – Starts August 16th

For those experiencing grief, Messiah will be offering a Grief Processing Group on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in room 202. Jen Elsenbroek will lead this group and will be using the book “A Time To Mourn and A Time To Dance” by Jennifer Ohman-Rodriguwz. The book is available in the office for a suggested donation of \$15. Please call Jen Elsenbroek (906-202-2657) with any questions. The group will begin on August 16 and run for 7 weeks.

September Community Meal – September 7th

We are looking for someone that might be interested in being the cook for our September Community Meal. Might that be you?

If you are interested in cooking a meal for up to 50 to 60 people, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Rally Day! – September 11th

We will be holding our Rally Day picnic on Sunday, September 11th following our 10:30 worship. Join us in the parking lot on the east side of Messiah to enjoy a lunch of hot dogs, chips, fruit tray, veggie tray & ice cream! This is a great way to kick off the start of our Sunday School year and other fall programming coming up.

Thank you everyone!

We want to thank everyone who has purchased jam, jelly and ‘grandmas’ pickles over the last 17 years. Your purchases have helped to ‘mail’ the quilts around the world, supported the community meal and contributed to the community assistance fund. Some of you have supported the jam making by donating some of your berries and even donating cases of new jars and of course, returning the empty jars and rings.

Now there is a new supply of jam available, including thimbleberry, raspberry, blueberry, peach, cherry & strawberry along with combinations of each. Our prices continue to remain the same.

- - Grant & Kathy Soltwisch

Northern Great Lakes Synod Support for Girls' School in Tanzania

Our Northern Great Lakes Synod recently received the news that a tragic fire caused considerable damage to a dormitory at the Mkuza Girls School in Tanzania. We give thanks to God that there were no injuries. Repairs will need to be made so that the girls can once again utilize that dormitory. The whole electrical installation system in all buildings must also be improved as it has been established by authorities that faulty wiring was the cause of the fire.

Our synod has been supporting this school in various ways for several years and our synod office is receiving funds from those who wish to help them rebuild the girls dormitory.

Please consider making a monetary gift by August 31, 2022 in one of the following ways:

- Online at www.nglsynod.org/donations. Please designate your gift to “Mkuza Girls School.”

- By check made out to Northern Great Lakes Synod with “Mkuza Girls School” in the memo and mailed to the Synod Office: Northern Great Lakes Synod 1029 N. Third St., Suite A Marquette, MI 49855

One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to assist our friends at Mkuza Girls School! To learn more about the Mkuza Girls School visit: www.kkktdmp.or.tz/en/mkuza-girlssecondary-school

Flower Delivery - August 14th & 28th

We are looking for individuals or couples who might like to deliver both altar flower arrangements to two different people/households on a Sunday afternoon following our 10:30 worship. The office staff will give you their names, addresses & phone numbers. Open dates are August 14 & 28. Many people that deliver the flowers find it to be a rewarding experience.

Northern Great Lakes Synod - Lifelong Faith Formation – Fall 2022 Class Schedule Preview

Details & registration will be posted on the Northern Great Lakes Synod website soon! To add your email address to the Lifelong Faith Formation list, contact Deacon Lori Ward at lori.ward@nglsynod.org

Adults from across the synod will explore aspects of our life together as a church including our understanding of the Bible, Lutheran traditions, and your ministry. Launching in September, the diverse schedule of free classes will be open for registration on the synod website in early August. Classes are free of charge but may require purchase of a book. Here’s a preview of the upcoming opportunities for learning, fellowship, and growth in faith (some details are still under development).

Biblical Hebrew II

Sundays from 6:00 – 7:00 pm EST, Instructor: Pr. Nicole Hanson-Lynn of Salem and Zion, Ironwood

The Big Picture Bible Study: Discussion & Reflection on entire books of Scripture

Alternating Mondays at 7:00 pm EST, dates to be announced, Coordinator: Jeff Henquinet of Good Shepherd, Houghton with different discussion leaders each class

Growing Younger: Sharing Ideas & Strategies to Engage Young People in our Congregations

Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 pm EST, Sept. 13-Nov. 1 (8 weeks), Instructors: Stefanie Ehle, NGLS Youth Coordinator, Vicar Melissa Salminen, First, Gladstone; Rev. Jim Duehring, Asst. to the Bishop; Amanda Rasner, Director at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp; Rev. Brenda

Greenwald, Gethsemane, Wallace, and St. Stephen's, Stephenson; David Nelson, Good Shepherd, Houghton

Romans: The Gospel According to Lutherans

Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 pm EST, Sept. 21-Nov.23 (10 weeks), Instructor: Pr. Tommy Richter of Zion, Manistique

Why Do We Do That? A Background on Liturgical Practices of Feast Days & Seasons

Alternating Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:00 pm EST, Sept. 22-Nov. 10 (5 weeks), Instructor: Pr. Mike Markwell, Immanuel, Escanaba

Taco, Cat, Goat, Bible, Pizza: Interpreting the Word as a Lutheran Today

Thursday evenings, time TBD, Oct.6-20 (3 weeks), Instructor: Rev. Sarah Semmler Smith, Campus Pastor at Finlandia University

Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure & Function

Saturdays from 10:00 – 11:15 am EST, Oct. 22-Nov. 19 (5 weeks), Instructor: Rev. Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop Emeritus of the NGLS

This class will meet both in person at Immanuel, Negaunee (520 US Hwy. 41 E, Negaunee, MI) and on zoom, giving participants a choice between the two options.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

During August & September Women Reaching Women Circle (WRW) will be collecting donations of school supplies for LWR School Kits.

These kits are sent to children in need in our country and around the world. A bin is available in the narthex for your donations. We also welcome cash contributions. Thank you for your help!

The following items are needed:

- 70-sheet notebooks, wide- or college-ruled
 - Box of 16 or 24 crayons
 - Pencil sharpener
 - 30 cm ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one edge and inches on the other
 - Fiskars-type kids' scissors
 - Unsharpened #2 pencils
 - Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
 - 2 1/2" Pink Pearl-type eraser
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Worship @ the Beach – This Sunday, 10:30 am Worship

Dates: August 14

September 4

Time: **10:30 am**

By popular demand, we invite you to join us one Sunday a month for 10:30 am worship at Clark Lambros beach! We'll sing a few hymns and enjoy worshipping together on the shore of Lake Superior. Please bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. If the weather is terrible, we will meet in the sanctuary instead (please check Facebook or our website if you have questions the day of the scheduled worship).

Also, please note that there will not be a 10:30 service in the sanctuary on these three Sundays – just the one at the beach. Hope to see you there!

Messiah's Playgroup – Starts September 7th

Caregivers of young children, mark your calendars! Messiah will again be holding a fellowship time/playgroup for caregivers and their child(ren). We will be meeting on Wednesdays from 10:00- 11:30. We will have free-play, music and movement and story time. Messiah's Playgroup will start on Wednesday, September 7th.

We will be following the MAPS school schedule. Whenever students do not have school, we will not hold playgroup (professional development days, holiday breaks, snow days).

- - - Jen Elsenbroek, Playgroup Coordinator

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

Aug 10 Carl Beyne, Jan Brown, Peter Claybaker, Adrienne Wolf
Aug 11 Jeremy Braund, Landric Braund, Ann Johnson
Aug 12 No birthdays
Aug 13 Daphne Greenwood, Justin Wild
Aug 14 Max Larson, Sara Morrison
Aug 15 Lou Ann Balding, Alexis Hammerstrom, Gordon Peterson
Aug 16 Kayleigh Beaudoin, Brenda Blett
Aug 17 Jessica Flurette, Della Slavsky

Aug 18 Oliver Davis, Ann Lahti, Les Scheuren
Aug 19 Elise Busick, Matthew Haydon, Kelly Mahar, Michael Orhanen, Patty Stevens
Aug 20 Jim Nebel, Kyle Smith
Aug 21 Dave Carlson
Aug 22 No birthdays
Aug 23 Sherri Cherry, Karen Eldevick, Laura Petrie
Aug 24 No birthdays

Drivers Needed

It has been a wonderful experience accompanying our Honduran family as they continue to work towards receiving permanent asylum status in the United States. We are in need of a few additional drivers to help the family with grocery shopping or to get them to medical and dental appointments. If you haven't had a chance to meet them or talk to them at length, this would be a great opportunity to get to know them better. They are fun to be with and they are working hard on their English!

Please contact Inga Banitt inga.banitt@gmail.com or call the church office at 225-1119 if you are interested or if you have any questions. We will need to get your permission to run a background check in advance. Thank you!

Save the Date for LWR InGathering!

We will have a semi-truck in the parking lot on Monday, October 24th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm for loading boxes. This truck will then transport all boxes (quilts/kits) to the LWR distribution center in St. Paul. Please see the LWR website for more information or email office@messiahlutheranmqt.org if you have questions regarding this local InGathering.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in making the quilts, baby care kits, personal care kits & school kits. You all do amazing work for our friends around the world!

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

Steve Murto & family upon the passing of his brother Bob; Leesa; Jesse Wright; Marina Grettenberger; Pat Lelvis; Marshall Lovan; Arlene Rajala; Bromley; Peter; Kristina Asta; Alli & Johan Elsenbroek; John; Jeff Bruning; Bob; Les Scheuren; Sandy Grenke; Leah Rodda; Brenda Blett; John Collins; Susan & David Shaver; Ken Smith; Chuck; Daniel & Marcos; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Ann Lahti; Marjorie Vidlund; Chris Heiskanen; Jamie Baril; Tina & her roommate; Matthew & Ernest 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 vacation: August 10 - 23

Pastor Molly is on call: August 10-17

Scripture Reading This Week – The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Jeremiah 23:23-29

Gospel Reading..... Luke 12:49-56

Worship Volunteers

Saturday August 13 – 5:00 pm in the Atrium

Assisting Minister: Chris Kotila

Communion Assistant: Barb Salmela

Sunday August 14 – 8:30 am in sanctuary & on 101.9 FM, Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Jen Bleckiner

Reader: Larry Pagel

Ushers: Linda Berry, Ray Jarvis

Communion Assistants: Beth Krznarich, Larry Pagel, Dave Blomquist, Kathy Maynard

Greeters: Sherry Labbe, **one more needed**

Sunday August 14 – 10:30 am at Clark Lambros Beach

Usher/Hand out Bulletins: Bill Davis

Record Attendance: Mary Davis

Nursery Attendant on Sunday: Maddie Dykema

Altar Flower delivery: **one needed**

Announcements and Classified Ads

Connection Creates Hope, and Hope Saves Lives

David Woods Bartley has seen his fair share of successes and setbacks, from directing a nationally recognized nonprofit to battling a life-threatening mental illness. The latter, a tough fight with clinical depression, led David to a suicide attempt. Thanks to the support of a great many people David continues the important yet still challenging journey from the isolation of mental “hellness” to the inclusive space of mental wellness.

In addition to giving two TED talks and being named a 2021 Mental Health champion by the Steinberg Institute, David has presented more than 500 times to audiences across the United States, Canada, Central America, and India, giving in-person and virtual presentations on the subjects of mental health, suicide awareness and prevention, organizational culture, and leadership. Questions? Contact Pam Basal at PBasal-c@gapsi.com or 1-202-987-3934

David Woods Bartley’s Speaking Engagements:

Friday, August 12th

Sault Sainte Marie National Guard Armory from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Sault Sainte Marie United States Coast Guard Sector Soo 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Saturday, August 13th

Gladstone National Guard Armory from 8:00 – 9:30 am

Marquette National Guard Armory from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Calumet National Guard Armory from 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Marquette @ NMU – Northern Center from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Sunday, August 14th

Norway American Legion from 8:00 – 10:00 am

Iron Mountain Braumart Theater from 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Escanaba Quality Inn & Suites from 4:00 – 5:30 pm

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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