

# Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Answering God's call to love

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## Messiah ENewsletter for September 28, 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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### Asylum Update

Thank you for your prayers and support for our asylum-seeking family. Due to unforeseen circumstances with their attorney (who was traveling out of the country and was unable to get back due to Hurricane Ian) their asylum hearing in September has been postponed. We do not yet know when it will be, but likely not for several months. We will keep you posted. Please continue to keep all of them in your prayers.

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## **Blessing of the Pets – October 1**

On October 1st at 4:00 pm we will be blessing your furry, scaly, and feathered friends. This is a tradition dating back to St. Francis who was a devoted animal lover. Our animals love us and teach us how to love one another. They are a part of God's good creation, so let us bless them and thank God for them. Join us in the atrium for a short blessing and even a treat for your beloved friend.

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## **CROP Walk - October 2**

The Marquette County CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 2nd**. Registration starts at 1:30 pm; the CROP Walk starts at 2:00 pm from the Marquette Hope Connection Center located at 927 W. Fair Ave. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised in this area will stay local. It will be distributed through St. Vincent de Paul & NMUs Food Bank. Please consider raising funds and walking in support of world & local hunger.

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## **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

Women Reaching Women Circle (WRW) will be collecting donations of school supplies for LWR School Kits through the end of September. These kits are sent to children in need in our country and around the world.

### 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

A bin is available in the narthex for your donations. We also welcome cash contributions. Thank you for your support!

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## **Pub Church**

As I hope you read in my last newsletter, Pastor Andrew and I are considering beginning an outreach ministry of Pub Church, which would possibly take place at a local brewery space beginning this fall or winter (we are still exploring the details).

The services we have been hosting at the beach have offered a great outreach to many members who we haven't seen in a while as well as folks who are just passing by and curious. We considered what would be another alternative space to the church building that many younger adults frequent and feel comfortable visiting and we knew that within our community that is the local breweries.

When I was serving as a pastoral intern in Texas, my congregation had a vibrant and faithful pub church ministry that made connections to the unchurched and set an example of where Jesus was to the wider community. Jesus, grace, and the sustaining power of the sacraments is fully present in our worship space, but we also recognize that Jesus was a man on the move, he traveled and met people where they were - in cities, in the temple, at a well, on mountaintops, upper rooms, boats, tombs, and on the cross. Through a ministry of pub church we are seeking to be Christ in our community and to offer God's love to those who might not feel comfortable in a conventional church setting.

As someone from the millennial generation, I know that many of my friends and peers feel estranged from church or have been hurt by the politics of churches in the past. You only need to look around our space on Sunday to notice that people my age (30-ish) are in the minority. Yet, I have had so many conversations with young adults about how they are still seeking out community and relationship with God through Jesus. Our hope is to be witnesses to God's love and saving grace for those people. We believe in God's abundance. We want to expand the ministry of Messiah to meet folks outside of our walls in addition to our continued ministry to our faithful members in this space that we love.

So, you might ask, what will pub church look like? Well, we would meet in a space at a brewery and ideally local musicians would have the opportunity to play while people gather, enjoy a drink of their choosing, check in with one another, and build community. We would then move to a time of worship where Lutheran pastors in our conference would share the gospel, a message and then celebrate the sacrament of communion. Ideally this would happen in the later afternoon on a Sunday, but keep in mind that we are still in the planning phase. Expect more solid details to be forthcoming, so stay tuned! I hope this clears up any questions or misunderstandings and as always, if you want to know more, my door is always open!

Peace,  
Pr. Molly

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## October Community Meal – October 5th

Messiah's October Community Meal will be served at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be prepared by Ralph & Pam Christensen. They will be making meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans & dessert! Sounds delicious, doesn't it? Please join us for food & fellowship on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>! We are in need of one more clean up volunteer. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping with clean up.

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## Volunteer Drivers Needed

We have some Messiah members that reside at Brookridge Assisted Living and there are at least two that would like to attend worship every Sunday at our 10:30 am worship service. If you would like to help with this transportation, please contact the church office.

We have one person who would be willing to drive a couple people from Brookridge to Messiah once a month for our 10:30 am worship service, might there be more people that would like to do it once a month?

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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

Sept 28	Melissa Peterson, Lynda Trafton
Sept 29	Laura Tripp
Sept 30	No birthdays
Oct 1	Cheryl Anderegg, Linda Savage, Pat Vacilek
Oct 2	Shane Parks, Paul Wainio
Oct 3	Sarah Zeller
Oct 4	Janelle Carroll, Joan Tasson
Oct 5	Patty Ryan, Esme Ulland-Joy
Oct 6	Al Edgar, Candace LeDuc
Oct 7	Karen Bergh, Lois Raikko
Oct 8	David Echelbarger, Jackie Greising, Milt Soderberg, Sydney Voskuhl
Oct 9	Carol Ontto, Craig Teed
Oct 10	Julie Mingay

Oct 11      Tanya Jennings

Oct 12      Phyllis Maki

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## **Mitten Tree**

As the weather starts to cool, it is time to start thinking about our Mitten Tree Campaign & helping to keep our neighbors warm this winter. Yarn is under the welcome table for those who need it to make winter wear.

Mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, slippers & socks are all needed each year. We will distribute the items the first week of December. Thank you for your help!

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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**

Hillary & family; Glenda, Romel & Fernando; Emily Coyne; family & friends of Dick Toyra upon his passing; family & friends of Kristina Asta upon her passing; Mike Cooper; Carol Ontto; Billy S.; Carl Kallio; Linnea Mensching; Kurt Mensching & Grace Gronowski; Becky Johnson; Jim & Janice Maierle; Dave Van Kley; Lu Swanson; Sarah & Safari; Scott Johnson; Leesa; Jesse Wright; Pat Lelvis; Marshall Lovan; Bromley; Peter; Alli & Johan Elsenbroek; John; Sandy Grenke; Susan & David Shaver; Ken Smith; Chuck; Daniel, Marcos & Gladis; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Marjorie Vidlund; Tina & her roommate; Matthew & Ernest Williamson; Jim Shirtz; Wayne Hanmer; Judy Donckers; Karen Johnson; 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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### **Pastor on Call:**

Pastor Andrew is on call: September 28, October 2-5

Pastor Molly is on call: September 29-30, October 1

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### **Scripture Reading This Week – The 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading**.....Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

**Gospel Reading**..... Luke 17:5-10

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### **Worship Volunteers**

#### **Saturday October 1 – 5:00 pm in the Atrium**

Assisting Minister: Chris Kotila

Communion Assistant: Karen Kimar-Johnson

#### **Sunday October 2 – 8:30 am in sanctuary & on 101.9 FM, Vimeo & Facebook**

Assisting Minister: Mary Lou Blomquist

Reader: Fred Maynard

Ushers: Sam Elder, Bruce Robertson

Communion Assistants: Beth Krznarich, Terry Langenberg, Ray Jarvis

Greeters: Darlene Martin, Helen Steinhoff

#### **Sunday October 2 – 10:30 am in sanctuary & on Vimeo & Facebook**

Assisting Minister: Nancy Raisanen

Reader: Maddy Dettloff

Ushers: Jill Luoma, Jean Reynolds

Communion Assistants: Mike Hill, Liz Beyne, **one more needed**

Greeters: Penny Streeter, **one more needed**

Projection Technician: Lesley Williams

Nursery Attendant on Sunday: Mike OSullivan  
Altar Flower delivery: Shari Brugman

## **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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### **The New Free Store – Request for Donations**

Help The New Free Store celebrate their 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary by making youth comfortable from the inside out!

#### **Undies & Socks for All Children!**

Donations of NEW items are needed from toddler to teen sizes:

Boys & Girls socks

Boys & Girls underwear

Teen & Pre-Teen Girls bras

New undies & socks will be collected now through October 1<sup>st</sup> (along with any financial donations for this cause). All donations will be accepted at The New Free Store every Tuesday from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm and Wednesdays in September from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

These socks, underwear & bras will be distributed to kids & teens on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

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### **Residential Snowplowing**

John VanDreel, a member of Messiah, is available to snowplow your driveway this winter. His rates are as follows: \$20 for a one car garage and \$25 if you have a 2-car garage. If you would like to contact him for a quote or for snowplowing services, you can reach John at 906-235-3626.

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### **Messiah Contact Information**

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### **Pastoral Staff**

Senior Pastor - Andrew Plocher  
Associate Pastor - Molly Eversoll

### **Office Staff**

Parish Administrator - Jennifer Dodge  
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