

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for October 5, 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!



October Community Meal – Tonight!

Messiah's October Community Meal will be served at 6:00 pm this evening. 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!

Workshop for Church Musicians – October 15th

Saturday, October 15, 2022, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

After multiple years of postponing, we are thrilled to be offering a workshop opportunity for church musicians of all abilities – professional, volunteer, student or sage!

Dr. Wayne Wold will be leading workshops that cover a range of topics including: new anthems for 1, 2, 3 and 4 part choirs; pastoral care for choirs and directors; leading congregational song from the keyboard; and what's new in hymns & songs. Dr. Wold is an active composer, performer, and clinician and you can learn more about him

here: <http://www.waynelwold.com/> We are delighted to have him with us for this opportunity!

The cost (including lunch) is \$25 per person, \$10 for students, and is kept low by generous sponsors (including John-Paul Buzard Pipe Organ Builders – the folks who helped repair our organ!)

For information, and to register, please go to <https://bit.ly/WfCM2022>

If you know of people who may be interested, please pass this information along! Opportunities like this are few and far between in the UP and we appreciate your assistance in getting word out.

Reformed and Always Reforming

Sunday October 30, 9:45am – 10:15am, Atrium

What was the Reformation and what does it mean for us today? This Reformation Sunday, October 30, join Pr. Andrew for a talk about the Protestant Reformation and its continuing legacy. He'll present between worship services, 9:45-10:15am in the Atrium.

Confirmation

Confirmation Families, please mark your calendars for the following dates:

- **October 8th** (held at Messiah, those being confirmed on the 30th should be in attendance)
- December 3rd (held at Immanuel in Negaunee)
- February 25th (held at Prince of Peace in Harvey)
- Early Summer (We will be organizing either a retreat or a mission trip)

All confirmation retreats throughout the next year will be held from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm with lunch & snacks provided. We are continuing to try out this new format of retreat-style confirmation along with students from the Lutheran churches in the Marquette-Harvey-Negaunee area. If transportation ever becomes an issue, please let Pastor Molly or Pastor Andrew know and we will gladly pick your child up. If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact Pastor Molly.

Confirmation is open to kids who have completed 5th grade through highschool (any high-schooler can join in). For your student to be confirmed they need to have regularly attended confirmation for three years.

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

Calling All Men – Friday, 10/7

We are seeking input from all men. Are you interested in a Bible Study that focuses on issues that men face daily, in their lives? If so, when is the best time for you? The Men's Bible Study will have a planning meeting at 9:00 am on Friday, October 7th to consider your input for our structure and meeting time. If you cannot attend this meeting, please let your interest be known at the church office or contact one of the current members: Herb Grenke (906-249-9180), Dave Blomquist (906-396-0259), Grant Soltwisch (906-225-0375) or Paul Marin (906-345-9237).

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?

Class on the Augsburg Confession – October 17th & 24th

October 17 & 24 at 7:00 pm, room 202

Ever wondered about the origins of Lutheranism? Sometimes called the "Lutheran Declaration of Independence," the Augsburg Confession is one of the cornerstones of Lutheran doctrine and history. Join Pr. Andrew on Monday evenings (October 17th & 24th at 7:00 pm in room 202), for a dive into the confession's role in the life of the church – both in 1530 and today. Whether you're new to Lutheranism or have been a life-long Lutheran, come learn what caused Lutheran electors and princes to make such a bold confession in front of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at the risk of their titles, land and lives.

Messiah's Global Mission Team

The Messiah Global Mission Team is preparing to invite members of our companion congregation, Azania Front Cathedral, for a visit. We are planning for a visit in the fall of 2024. For this to happen, we will need help from many of you. Please think now about how you might help.

We will need help with the following:

-PRAYERS

-Housing for the weeks they are here (or some part of their visit)

-Hosts to be with them as they visit places in Marquette

-Drivers or someone to plan for local transportation

-Folks to invite them (small groups of them) for dinner

-Volunteers to take guests to events

-Others to share favorite sites and activities with guests

-Planners for a congregation/community "meet the visitors" evening/meal

-Itinerary coordinator

-PRAYERS

Please consider what you can do. We know this visit is being planned for two years from now, but we want to begin a list of people who are interested in becoming involved. Then let the team or office know.

Thank you, Judy Quirk, Team Chair

UP Wild Church – October 23rd & 30th

Wilderness Walk: Jasper Knob Iron Range

Sunday, October 23 / 3:00 pm / Ishpeming

Walking the Iron Range in Ishpeming leads up to a steep ascent to see the view at Jasper Knob. Despite the word "range", the iron ranges are not mountain chains, but outcrops of Precambrian sedimentary formations containing high percentages of iron. Dependent on good weather.

Intermediate to advanced hikers. For directions and more info: <https://upwild.org/events/>

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Nature Prayer Service

Sunday, October 30 / 4:00 pm / Presque Isle Bandshell

A Special Halloween's Eve entry into a new season. Our Nature Prayer Service is our time to gather outside in community. What to expect: Welcome to our Bioregion, Passing the Peace, Wilderness Reflection, Wander & Ponder, Sharing Circle, Shared Prayers & Incense, Closing Poem. Community time to mingle with tea & snacks. Introverts welcome. Meeting at Presque Isle Bandshell.

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

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
Oct 13 Jen Elsenbroek, Erynn Messana, Tom Moyle, Brianna Weir
Oct 14 Glenn Beckman, Jason Peterson, Steve Schinella
Oct 15 Caleb Beerman
Oct 16 No birthdays
Oct 17 No birthdays
Oct 18 No birthdays
Oct 19 Jaime Aho, Philip Andersen

Office Vacancy

The Personnel Committee invites applications for the part-time Administrative Assistant position. The position will be 20 hours per week. Preference will be given to current members of the Messiah family. Interested candidates should plan to submit an application letter & resume to the church office by Monday, October 31st.

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!

From Jen Elsenbroek

Dear Messiah Family, *"I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you..."* (Philippians 1:3,4)

Being a Deacon Candidate has been a beautiful journey. To be a Deacon Candidate in your home church is both unique and special. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you on a different level. While part of my internship is, shall we say, learning the ropes of worship and learning how to deliver a message; my true calling is to Pastoral Care. I consider it a privilege to offer a grief group and to visit people in their homes.

Offering fellowship to young caregivers and their children through a playgroup is another small part of my internship. I was a stay-at-home mom of two boys and I remember the isolation I used to feel. After praying about it, God laid it on my heart to offer a playgroup. I actually started it last year, although it was tricky with Covid. This year we started right with the school year. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30 am. I have enjoyed every minute of it. I have also been called, as a Deacon, to lead playgroup in a way that promotes team building and gives the group some ownership. I have led the group in such a way that they can do it on their own too! The group is thriving.

I am looking forward to preaching at Messiah a few more times and will be starting another grief group on Tuesday, November 1st at 6:00pm. It will go for seven weeks.

In other news, I have been hired as a part time Chaplain for Great Lakes Recovery Centers which will allow me to build an even stronger bridge between Messiah & GLRC! I am so grateful!

Thanks be to God for this path that I am on.
Shalom, Jen Elsenbroek

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

Fred Maynard; John & Rose Collins; Ilene Mattson; Helen & Duane & their property in FL; Sandy & Ron & their property in FL; Hillary & family; Glenda, Romel & Fernando; Emily Coyne; family & friends of Kristina Asta upon her passing; Mike Cooper; Carol Ontto; Billy S.; Linnea Mensching; Becky Johnson; Jim & Janice Maierle; Dave Van Kley; Lu Swanson; Sarah & Safari; Scott Johnson; Leesa; Jesse Wright; Pat Elvis; 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.

Pastor on Call:

Pastor Andrew is on call: October 5, 9-12

Pastor Molly is on call: October 6-8

Scripture Reading This Week – The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Gospel Reading..... Luke 17:11-19

Worship Volunteers

Saturday October 8 – 5:00 pm in the Atrium

Assisting Minister: Karen Kimar-Johnson

Communion Assistant: Karen Kimar-Johnson

Provide Refreshments for Saturday: **one needed**

Sunday October 9 – 8:30 am in sanctuary & on 101.9 FM, Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Dave Blomquist
Reader: Larry Pagel
Ushers: Ray Jarvis, Cathy Seblonka
Communion Assistants: Beth Krznarich, Larry Pagel, **one more needed**
Greeters: Sherry Labbe, Penny Streeter

Provide Refreshments for Coffee Hour on Sunday: **one needed**

Sunday October 9 – 10:30 am in sanctuary & on Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Ruth Robb
Reader: Mark Paulsen
Ushers: Dave & Nancy Skoog
Communion Assistants: Sandy Lindberg, Mark Paulsen, Ruth Robb
Greeters: Laurel Kniskern
Projection Technician: Inga Banitt

Nursery Attendant on Sunday: Mike OSullivan
Altar Flower delivery: Lois Raikko

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.

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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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