

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

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Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

(with Nursery)

Sunday 10:30 am

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December 31, 2023

The 1st Sunday in Chirstmas

Flowers: **To the Glory of God...**

* from Sue Brugman

To the Glory of God & In Loving Memory of...

* Helen Johnson from Ernest Johnson & family

Radio: **To the Glory of God...**

* from Terry Keuscher

Livestream: **To the Glory of God...**

* from Terry Keuscher

Siblings in Christ,

As we sit on the threshold of a new year, Christmas is not far behind us. In fact, we're in the 12-days of Christmas – that time between Christmas Day and Epiphany when we celebrate the arrival of the magi and their gifts. The expectant waiting of Advent has been replaced by Christmas joy and, now, by the turning of a calendar year and the return of the regular rhythms of our daily lives. Christmas trees, decorations, and cards will soon be put away. New gifts will lose their sheen. Carols are no longer a constant on the radio.

Scholars don't really know when the first Christmas occurred. It could have been July, for all we know. Ultimately, the calendar date isn't as important as what Christmas is and what it does. I appreciate this litany written by the late Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

The work of Christmas has begun.

That is what the church is up to in this world. A child born in a manger becomes a man crucified on a cross. Jesus comes in the darkness of the night and then again in the darkness of a tomb. He comes for us that we might know that our God loves us. From him we learn that evil and sin don't have the last word, that darkness cannot overcome the light, and that there is abundant grace for every one of us.

This means finding the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, releasing the prisoner, rebuilding nations, bringing peace among people, and making music. It isn't always easy work, but it is what the grace of God has freed us to do. God comes to us in the ordinarieness of a Bethlehem night, in the rushed frenzy of a smelly stable, and God comes to us today, too. God comes so that the ordinary can become holy and that we can be instruments of peace, love, joy, and hope.

I give thanks for the work of our congregation. We see the work of Christmas in our volunteer social workers and Community Assistance Fund, in our community meals, in the hours of volunteering (whether knitting, quilting, or offering rides or meals), in your support of our Asylum-seeking family, and in your generosity toward world hunger, disaster assistance, and so much more. We see the work of Christmas in the visits to those who are homebound or in the nursing home, and visits to those who are part of our wider community but not our church family. We see the work of Christmas in our Sunday School classes, confirmation, and in adult gatherings around books and bible studies. We see it in the partnership with Gretchen's House (renovations are now expected to start this month) and in the diligent work of our Council, committees, and teams. We see the work of Christmas in our music and give thanks for Sara, Kathy, Jacob, Jocelyn, our amazing band, and all the other singers and instrumentalists who share their gifts of music with us. The work of Christmas is all around us and there is much more of it to do.

As you look to the new year and watch the physical signs of Christmas be put away, I encourage you to look to the work of Christmas. Look for places where you can be present with those in need and where you can advocate for those who need your support. Look for ways that you, and our congregation, can share Christmas in this world, not only in December.

Maybe you know Thurman's litany through the song that Jim Strathdee wrote in 1969. Each verse touches on the work of Christmas and then the chorus is this:

I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

Friends, the work of Christmas calls to us. It reveals to us who and whose we are. Let's get to work.

In Christ, *Pr. Andrew*

Messiah Calendar

Monday, January 1

Church Office Closed

7:00 am AA
10:00 am OWLs Walk
6:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday, January 2

12:00 pm QiGong (zoom)

Wednesday, January 3

7:00 am AA
11:00 am Asahi

Thursday, January 4

7:00 am AA
10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study
5:00 pm Building & Grounds
5:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm MOPS

Friday, January 5

9:00 am Senior Men's Bible Study

Saturday, January 6

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Worship-Traditional
10:30 am Worship-Contemporary

Quilting

If you would like to work with Messiah's quilting group, please contact the office.

In The Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pr. Molly Hunter & Pr. Andrew Plocher would like to visit you when you are there. If you are unable to notify Messiah, please ask a family member to do so.

Pr. Andrew will be on vacation January 1-11, 2024.

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: January 14-18, 21-24, 28-31
Pr. Molly Hunter: January 1-13, 19-20, 25-27

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our February newsletter is **Monday, January 22, 2024.**

Messiah's Newsletter

December 31, 2023
Volume 106, Issue 1

Articles for
Weekly Announcements
are due by 6:00 pm
each Wednesday

End of Year Documentation for Annual Report

For all teams &/or committees that met in 2023, I would like a report from your chairperson regarding all things that happened with your team/committee by **Wednesday, January 10, 2024.** I will use these 2023 annual articles from you in our Annual Report for the Annual Meeting on February 4, 2024. The full report will have to be out to our congregation one/two weeks prior to the meeting, that would be Sunday, January 21st at the earliest.

Committees, Teams & Other groups that I would expect a report from for 2023 would be the following:

Committees: Audit, Finance, Nominating & Personnel

Teams: Asylum Task Force, Building & Grounds, Community Assistance Program, Global Mission

Other Groups: Church Mutual Insurance, MOPS, OWLs & WELCA

Thank you for getting your annual report articles to Jen Dodge by Jan. 10th.

Hildegard Johnson Music Scholarship - 2024

Applications are being accepted for anyone with interest in applying for the 2024 Hildegard Johnson Music Scholarship. The applications are available on the welcome table outside the church office. Please turn in completed applications to the church office by **Sunday, February 25, 2024.**

Hildegard Johnson was a member of Messiah and was passionate about music. Members of the Hildegard Johnson Music Scholarship Team will evaluate the applications and inform recipients in March. Funds from this scholarship can be used for private music lessons, music camp, purchase of an instrument or music supplies, music books, or sheet music. Scholarship funds will be awarded to actively participating Messiah members who are in elementary, middle or high school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

Bowls for a Cause

Turned Wooden Bowls are available for a donation to the community assistance fund. They are located next to the homemade jams in the narthex. All bowls are homemade and are finished with a food safe finish. If you have questions about the bowls they can be directed to Paul Carstens at pcarsten@alumni.nmu.edu.

Quilters

The Messiah Quilters would like to thank you for your support of our table runner fundraiser. We are able to get our sewing machines serviced and buy more quilt batting. Thank you again!

Christmas Poinsettias

If you sponsored a Christmas poinsettia for our Christmas Eve worship services, please feel free to take one home with you.

Messiah's Birthdays

January 2024

Monday 1	No birthdays
Tuesday 2	Daphne Evans
Wednesday 3	Laurel Reece
Thursday 4	No birthdays
Friday 5	Pam Forsberg
Saturday 6	Kathy Godec, Luke Rector
Sunday 7	No birthdays
Monday 8	Anne Engman
Tuesday 9	No birthdays
Wednesday 10	Dave Blomquist, Sherry Johnson, Luke Stevens, Tom Wagner
Thursday 11	No birthdays
Friday 12	Krystina Ostermeyer
Saturday 13	Bill Beauchaine, Bob Cambensy, Marie Sarkela, Kaitlin Sellers
Sunday 14	No birthdays
Monday 15	Hal Martin, Anne Rydholm
Tuesday 16	Bev Evans
Wednesday 17	Inga Banitt
Thursday 18	Valerie Jewett
Friday 19	Lucy Contois, Mae Desonia, Bill Maki
Saturday 20	Tanner Delpier, Gayle Van Osdol
Sunday 21	No birthdays
Monday 22	Amy Froiland, Minna Salmela
Tuesday 23	Bob Groleau
Wednesday 24	No birthdays
Thursday 25	Laura Slavsky
Friday 26	Rose Collins, Rich Matthews

Saturday 27 Terri Bocklund, Amie Evans, Marie Voskuhl

Sunday 28 Nina Nelson, Scott Vanlerberghe

Monday 29 No birthdays

Tuesday 30 Ruth Hill, Lesley Williams

Wednesday 31 Madeline Malnor

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* Nancy McCombie & family upon the passing of her sister Karen Bergh on Nov. 24th.

* Cheryl Shirtz & family upon the passing of her husband Jim on Nov. 26th.

* Family & friends of Lucille Bartanen who passed away on Nov. 27th.

* Family & friends of Marjorie Vidlund who passed away on Nov. 30th.

* Family & friends of Nancy Russell who passed away on Dec. 2nd.

* Billie Johnson & family upon the passing of her sister Becky Johnson on Dec. 13th.

* Family & friends of Frank Summersett who passed away on Dec. 20th. His funeral will be on Saturday, January 13th with visitation starting at 10:00 am and his funeral service at 12:00 pm with a luncheon to follow.

In Celebration of:

* Jackson Benam's baptism on November 12, 2023. Welcome to our church family Jackson!

* Josh, Holly & Viola Sundman who joined Messiah on Sunday, December 10th. Welcome to our church family Josh, Holly & Viola!

Reconciling in Christ Sunday

As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, Messiah Lutheran Church will observe Reconciling Sunday in our worship on Sunday, January 28th. This is an opportunity to celebrate what it means to live a theology of reconciliation and lift up what being a Reconciling in Christ congregation means to us. In short, it is a time we celebrate our congregation's identity of inclusion and welcome.

RIC is a program of ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation, begun in 1983 as a way for Lutheran communities of faith to answer the inclusive call of the Gospel by welcoming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Currently, there are over 930 Lutheran settings on the RIC roster, including congregations, campus ministries, synods of the ELCA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, camps, colleges, and other independent organizations. Additional information about the RIC program, including a complete listing of RIC settings and resources for personal and congregational use, are available on-line at the website www.reconcilingworks.org.

Annual Meeting & Potluck!

Save the date! Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday February 4th, following the 10:30 service. This year we're excited to return to gathering around a potluck in Magnuson Hall, followed by the meeting. For the potluck we invite those with last names beginning with A-H to bring dessert, I-P to bring a salad or side dish, and R-Z a casserole [but not matter your name, please feel free to bring your favorite dish, of any kind, to share!]. Print copies of the annual report will be available on the Welcome Table (just outside the church office) beginning the week of January 21st. The agenda for the meeting will include receiving the annual report, election of council and committee members, and the approval of the 2024 budget.

Endowment Fund

Many of you know how much my wife, Kathy loved God and His church, Messiah. What you may not know is that she was instrumental in founding Messiah's Endowment fund. She wanted to ensure that the mission of this church continue past her and our time. The endowment fund is structured so that the interest generated by the fund could only be used for mission whether for pastor candidacy, missionaries, youth Education, helping the hungry or those disadvantaged and not for building maintenance. Our mission is to make God's love known to all. This can only happen after the endowment reaches \$100,000. You can donate to the endowment fund at anytime, it does not have to be a bequest upon death. Let's make sure God's work continues.
--- Grant Soltwisch

Thank You for Your Generosity on Giving Tuesday!

On November 28th Messiah celebrated Giving Tuesday by raising funds for our Community Assistance Fund. Through your incredible generosity we raised over \$21,000. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Then, in early December, an anonymous donor gave an additional \$15,000. Wow! In total, our Community Assistance Fund begins the 2024 with \$36,000 available to distribute.

A special thanks to Thrivent Financial for paying for our meals on Giving Tuesday and for the volunteers who helped out!

With the help of contributions throughout the year, a Community Foundation grant, and some small fundraising (like the evening of Carols on December 22!), this fund is well poised to support our wider community in 2024. It is due to your generous giving that we are able to do this and touch the lives of hundreds of our neighbors. To date, we have distributed a record amount in 2023 – nearly \$45,000 in assistance to over 450 individuals/families [funds are generally distributed in amounts of \$200 or less].

Lectionary Readings - January 2024

January 7

Reading
Gospel

Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5
Mark 1:4-11

January 14

Reading
Gospel

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10
John 1:43-51

January 21

Reading
Gospel

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Mark 1:14-20

January 28

Reading
Gospel

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Mark 1:21-28

Marquette Area MOPS

Calling all interested moms of preschoolers! Monthly meetings will take place the 1st Thursday of the month, now through May in Magnuson Hall at Messiah from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

MOPS was originally created for moms of children ages birth-five, but MOPS has since evolved to be inclusive of moms of children of any age. At a typical monthly meeting, we chat about motherhood - the ups, the downs, and everything in between. Childcare is typically provided during all meetings. Contact the church office, or co-coordinator, Renee Jewett, for registration details.

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

We continue to walk on Monday's at 10:00 am at the lower harbor in Mattson Park. We meet near the bathrooms/ice cream store. As winter (or bad weather) arrives we'll walk in NMU's Dome. We meet by the front doors. After walking the group goes to Provisions to continue visiting. Come and join us at whatever pace you walk! Continue to watch Messiah's bulletin & Enews for OWL's monthly activities.

Devotions Link

www.prayfaithfully.org is an on-line devotional reading service maintained by the Northern Great Lakes Synod and written by various pastors and laypersons.

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Have you pledged for 2024 yet?

This is the time of the year that many of us stop, count our blessings, and give thanks to God. We give thanks to God for each and every one of you who participate in the life of Messiah, and that you consider supporting our community in your financial giving. Thank you if you are one of the individuals/families who has already made a pledge! If you haven't completed a "Plan for Giving" sheet yet, we invite you to please consider doing so. No matter the amount, a pledge/plan for giving sheet helps us plan for our ministry in 2024 and to be the best stewards possible of the resources entrusted to us. Plan for Giving sheets can be found on the Welcome Table and in the office. You can also fill out a pledge form online! Just go to: <https://www.messiahlutheranmqt.org/give> If you have questions regarding your pledge, please contact our Financial Secretary, Anne Rydholm in the church office. Thank you!

Brookridge Worship

Our worship service at Brookridge is held on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Eight of our members live there and attend our service regularly. In addition, members of other faith communities join us, making our attendance grow to about 20-25 on a given day. Our service includes hymns, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, psalms, scripture, a homily, Apostles Creed and Holy Communion. It is a real worship service.

Worshiping with this congregation is a blessing. The singing is robust, the prayers are from the heart, communion and forgiveness is truly felt and the fellowship is sincere. You are invited to join at any time. It is a rewarding experience. Our volunteers include: Judy Quirk, Pauline Kiltinen, Lynne Lanczy, Kathy Godec, Grant Soltwish, John Sarkela, and Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist.

Radio Broadcast & Livestream Sponsorship

We are in need of sponsors for weekly/ongoing radio broadcasts & livestream. If this is something you would like to support, please contact the office & share what you would like written for your sponsorship; it can be in honor or in memory of a loved one.

You can reach us by phone at 225-1119 or email at office@messiahlutheranmqt.org. The cost of the Radio Broadcast or Livestream sponsorship is \$110.00 each.

10:30 am Worship Projection Technician

We are in need of a few more volunteers to run our screens during our 10:30 am worship service. It is a very simple job to do... you follow along in a bulletin and to change the screen when needed, you press the space bar. That is it! If you would like to give it a try, please contact the office.

Save the Dates: The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

Saturdays April 20 & 27, May 4 & 11 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Magnuson Hall

Join other couples for a Gottman Workshop to strengthen your relationship commitment, using *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* by John M Gottman, PhD. These workshops are for marriages of all ages and stages, healths and experiences, and LGBTQ inclusive. It will be led by Pr. Andrew Plocher (who is a trained marriage and family therapist and Gottman Leader). More details and registration information will be available in February.

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Family & friends of Frank Summersett who passed away; Effie Jussila; Billie Johnson & family upon the passing of her sister, Becky; Kai Dolan; Samantha; Family & friends of Marjorie Vidlund upon her passing; Carl & Liz Beyne; Phyllis Champion; Ted; Bruce Lindberg; Derek Lindstrom; Michael Patrick Coyne; Gary; Gail Johnson; Betty; Grace Chien; Jan Brown; Jamie; Emma; Judy Donckers; Jon Kamps; Donna; Brian; Ben; Sandy Grenke; John Kiltinen; Kathy; Evelyn; Akira Carlson; Rick Castillo; Karen Eldevick; Grace; Shannon; John & Rose Collins; Billy & Kathy S.; Lu Swanson; Leesa; Jesse Wright; Marshall Lovan; Peter; Susan & David Shaver; Ken Smith; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Tina & her roommate; Williamson family; Wayne Hanmer; Karen Johnson; Sierra; Charlene Avery

You may call the church office if you would like a person listed in the prayers. Please obtain permission from the person to list his/her name. We also appreciate updates as to how people listed are progressing. Thank you!

Medication Help Available

If you have questions or concerns regarding your medications, you can contact retired pharmacist, Barb Salmela. Contact the office to get her number. All inquiries are confidential. She can help find discounts for medication, ways to possibly obtain them for free, or suggest less expensive alternatives.

The New Free Store Donations

The New Free Store is an inter-faith, non-profit group supporting people who express a need for free clothing, linens, hygiene & cleaning supplies. Anyone in need is welcome. Free things are offered as "in God's economy three is always enough." There is a collection bin in our narthex at Messiah for The New Free Store. They are currently collecting:

***January** - Toothbrushes (adult/child), Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Denture Cleaner

***February** - Hand Sanitizer, Toilet Paper (4 or 6 rolls/pack)

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to the following couples in January:

Angie & Candace LeDuc	January 1
Sally McQueen & her husband	January 2
Justin & Anna Wild	January 2
Dawn McAuliffe & her husband	January 5
Craig & Shirley Teed	January 6
Ron & Jane Brow	January 21

Upcoming Events - December & January

January 1	New Year's Day - church office closed
January 10	Articles & data for Annual Report due to Jen Dodge
January 13	Frank Summersett's visitation (10 am) & funeral service (12pm) with a luncheon to follow
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr Day - church office closed
January 28	Reconciling in Christ Sunday
February 4	Potluck luncheon & Annual Meeting following our 10:30 am service
February 13	Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner from 4-7 pm, fundraiser for Messiah group going to the National Youth Gathering in 2024
February 25	Hildegard Johnson Music Scholarship Applications are due.

2024 National Youth Gathering

During the week of July 16 - 20, 2024, Jen, Hannah & Sarah Bleckiner are joining Pastor Molly in New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering. The "Created To Be" theme is based on who God created us to be.

- We are created to be brave, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged. (Psalm 27)
- We are created to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator. (Matthew 5:14-16)
- We are created to be free, to be transformed by the gospel. (Romans 12:2)
- We are created to be disruptive, to work for justice for all our siblings. (Matthew 21:12)
- We are created to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God. (Matthew 22:36-40)

The goal of this event is to create environments and opportunities for faith formation through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service and fellowship. While at the gathering, participants will have a chance to be affirmed and challenged in their faith, experience new perspectives, bond with their congregational group, ponder their vocation, and learn more about the ELCA and their partners. We are excited to be able to attend this event in New Orleans, especially because of the city's rich history and multicultural environment! Being with a group of young people, in a faith formation environment, will be inspirational and transformative. Please keep our participants in your prayers and thank you, in advance, for your support!!

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Winter Wonderland Retreat – January 12-14, 2024

Come to Fortune Lake for a winter getaway. The days are short and the air is cold...why not join us at Fortune Lake for a winter getaway? Our Winterland Wonderland Retreat will be held January 12-14, 2024. We can't wait to welcome you back!

Join us for a weekend filled with good food, hot saunas, camp games and songs, and time spent outdoors in the snowy Northwoods! We invite you to take time away from your busy lives to recenter, enjoy the season, and fill your cup here at camp. This event is open to everyone: family/friend groups, youth groups, and individuals of all ages! For more information or to register, go to www.fortunelake.org.

Radiating Grace: Young Adult Winter Retreat – February 2-4, 2024

For young adults (Ages 18-26; must be a HS grad)

Fortune Lake invites all adults ages 18-26 to register for our Radiating Grace Young Adult Retreat. This retreat centers around caring for yourself and your body and includes sessions on mindfulness, mental and physical self-care, healthy movement, and more. Participants are encouraged to choose their own adventure in hopes that everyone comes away from the retreat feeling rested and ready to return to their busy schedule. Other offerings include a scripture discussion, worship opportunities, arts and crafts, hot saunas, and plenty of other camp favorites.

This retreat is only \$25.00 when you use the code YA2024 at registration! This discount code is available to all in hopes of making the retreat more accessible. For more information or to register, go to www.fortunelake.org.

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice December Events

Community Grief Support - Loss of a loved one can look different for everyone. Let our team help you on your journey to new beginnings. This group is designed to support you with education, resources, and a safe place to listen and share. Facilitated by Bereavement Coordinator and Social Worker Lisa Marttila. Free & open to the public. No affiliation to our hospice is required. Choose the location that works best for you! Please call 906.225.7760 if you have any questions.

Marquette

1/17/24 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice office at 914 W Baraga Ave-Marquette

Gwinn

1/10/24 2:00 -3:00 pm

Forsyth Senior Center at 165 N Maple St-Gwinn

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Caregiver Support Groups – Are you feeling isolated or burnt out as a caregiver? Do you experience frustration or guilt and need a safe place to process? Join us for opportunities to share your feelings, develop friendships, receive emotional support, and to learn about available community resources. There will be occasional guest speakers for relevant topics as well. This group is free and open to the public! The group is moderated by Jamie Barbieri, RN Community Outreach Coordinator from Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice. Choose the location that works best for you! Please call 906.225.7760 if you have any questions.

Marquette (3rd Wednesday of every month):

1/17/24 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice Office; 914 W. Baraga Ave.

Gwinn (2nd Tuesday of every month):

1/9/24 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Forsyth Senior Center; 165 N. Maple St

Ishpeming (3rd Tuesday of every month):

1/16/24 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Ishpeming Multi-Purpose Senior Center; 121 Greenwood St.

Live & Learn - 1/18/24 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Topic: Cognitive Assessment Sign Up!

Appointments are in 30 minute increments from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. ** Please note there will not be a presentation today due to cognitive testing taking place. **

Do you ever struggle with decision making or your memory? If so, have you ever had your cognition tested? Cognitive testing is used if a person shows signs of a problem with memory, thinking, or other brain functions. This testing is recommended at age 60 or after retirement to establish a baseline.

Testing takes 30 minutes & the cost is \$25.00 cash or check.

Testing is performed by Christine Harkness MS, CCC-SLP Speech Language Pathologist. The location for the testing is at 1728 Windstone Dr in Marquette. Please call Jamie Barbieri to schedule your 30 minute appointment at 906.225.7760. Appointments are limited.

Rummage Sale for a Cause: Spring Clean & Help us Get to New Orleans

Pastor Molly will be traveling with Sarah, Hannah and Jen Bleckiner to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in July of 2024. We are working on fund-raising for this exciting and life-changing experience. The Youth Gathering in New Orleans is a once every three years major event. It includes more than 30,000 ELCA youth coming together to worship, serve the community, build relationships, and learn.

We need your help! Those of us going to New Orleans will be hosting a rummage sale on March 9th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. *(continued on next page)*

Here's how it works...

- You donate your items to Messiah. Bring them ONLY on Wednesday or Thursday – March 6th and 7th. The office will tell you where to store them. We unfortunately do not have the storage space to take any items in advance.
- If you are homebound and unable to get your items to Messiah please contact Pr. Molly at 906-225-1119
- What should you donate? Small household items, toys, kitchen items, camping or outdoor gear, lamps, etc.
- The majority of items do not need to be ticketed with a price tag. They will be sold for a reasonable donation that will be judged by the purchaser and the check out volunteers.
- If you have significant or special items and know how much you believe they are worth, please mark them.
- Jewelry must be put into plastic bags and also marked with a sale amount.
- If you have a large furniture item you are interested in donating, here's how we will do it: take a picture, print it out, write a suggested price and include your name and number on the back. The item will be picked up by the person purchasing it after they contact you.
- Please only donate lightly used items – nothing broken and no clothing items.
- Anything left at the end of the sale will be donated to St. Vinny's or another secondhand store.

P.S. Our youth will be raising funds in other ways as well for their trip – peek in the Narthex to see the giving wall and help us get to New Orleans through a donation.

No cash or checkbook? No problem.

You can donate through Venmo
or on our website at:
messiahlutheranmq.org/give

If you wish to designate your
donation to a specific fund, please be
sure to do so. Any undesignated
donations automatically go to our
general fund which supports the
entirety of our ministry.

Thank you for your generosity!

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January 2024 Worship Volunteers

Saturday January 6 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst. 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday January 7 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Larry Pagel
Reader 1 Judy Quirk
Ushers 2 Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder
Communion Assts. 4 Larry Pagel, *three needed*
Greeters 2 *two needed*

Sunday January 7 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 *one needed*
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts. 4 *four needed*
Greeters 2 *two needed*
Projection Technician 1 *one needed*

Saturday January 13 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst. 1 Kathy Godec

Sunday January 14 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Dave Blomquist
Reader 1 Larry Pagel
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts. 3 Larry Pagel, *two needed*
Greeters 2 *two needed*

Sunday January 14 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 *one needed*
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts. 3 *three needed*
Greeters 2 *two needed*
Projection Technician 1 *one needed*

Saturday January 20 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst. 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday January 21 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 *one needed*
Ushers 2 Mike Coyne, *one needed*
Communion Assts. 3 Dave Blomquist, *two needed*
Greeters 2 Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Sunday January 21 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 *one needed*
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts 3 *three needed*
Greeters 2 *two needed*
Projection Technician 1 *one needed*

Saturday, January 27 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asstt 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday January 28 - 8:30 am

Assisting Miinister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 Brenda Blett
Ushers 2 Mike Coyne, *one needed*
Communion Assts 3 *three needed*
Greeters 2 Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Sunday, January 28 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 *one needed*
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts 3 *three needed*
Greeters 2 *two needed*
Projection Technician 1 *one needed*

Messiah's Church Staff:

Pastoral Staff:

Senior Pastor.....Andrew Plocher
Associate Pastor.....Molly Hunter

Support Staff:

Parish Administrator.....Jennifer Dodge
Administrative Assistant ..Kathy Codec
Parish Accountant.....Mike Hill
Financial Secretary.....Anne Rydholm

Music Staff:

Music/Choir Director.....Sara Parks
Organist/Pianist.....Kathy Strazzinski
Bell Choir Director.....Judy Quirk
Pianist.....Jocelyn Basse

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