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Sunday 10:30 am

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February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

Flowers: To the Glory of God...

* from Bill Maki

Radio: To the Glory of God With Love & Blessings...

* from Terry Keuscher

Livestream: To the Glory of God...

* from Messiah

Siblings in Christ,

In my first year of seminary, we read Anselm of Canterbury's *Cur Deus Homo* (Why God Became Man). Written sometime around 1000 c.e., the text is early church doctrine and includes Anselm's understanding of atonement, or what Jesus did on our behalf. Essentially, Anselm posited that since one of God's characteristics is justice, any affront to that justice must be atoned for.

Now, while that intellectual conversation can be interesting, I was far more interested in the humanity of Jesus and what that meant about my own humanity. It was the first time that I explored what it meant that my body was made in the image of God. That any "body" is made in that image. Too often, I think, our theologies and traditions relegate the body as secondary. Theologies that choose to start with the Fall instead of creation, that say that we are not our bodies.

It's a concept common in our world. It leads to bumper stickers like, "We are spiritual beings having a physical experience." Yet that belief separates the spiritual from the physical, making spiritual works a priority over the care of other people's bodies and even our own. The opposite can also be true, when we prioritize the care of others and ourselves over any sense of spiritual connection. Both fail to acknowledge the whole picture of a God who became human.

Our God, in Jesus, became flesh and dwelled among us. Broke bread, healed bodies, and suffered on the cross. Jesus wants us to pray and have a relationship with his father, but also says he despises our religious gatherings if all we do is pray and worship and neglect caring for the bodies of the hungry and the oppressed.

In reading Anselm all those years ago, I realized that I needed to affirm creation in its wholeness -- undivided body and soul included. And that included my body -- missing an arm, sometimes strong, sometimes feeble. It included all bodies, not just society's perfect image of one.

Later, as I did doctoral work, I read Elisabeth Moltmann-Wendel's book *I Am My Body: A Theology of Embodiment*, and believe she articulated well what it means to live out this embodied theology:

Disembodiment is lovelessness. Insecurity, coldness, power and weariness are hidden behind abstraction. A theology of embodiment mistrusts all self-made fantasies of the beyond which are engaged in at the expense of the healing of people here and the realization of the kingdom of God on this earth. It is committed to a this-worldly expectation which here already looks for full, complete life, for wide spaces for women and men, and from this work derives the hope that nothing can separate us from the life and love of God.

As we walk through this season of Lent together, our theme is "Embodied." It is something personal for each of us, yet also impacts how we see one another and who we are as a community. It informs our understanding of God and how we are the church together. I hope you'll join us on this journey.

In closing, I want to share the blessing "letting yourself be known" from Kate Bowler's new book, *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!* The book is fantastic and includes a wonderful companion for Lent, by the way.

I work quietly, in secret, to repair
all that is broken
This anxiety and *that* despair.
(Other problems I avoid altogether)
There is no use telling you, I reason.
This is mine to fix.

But your eyes see everything, God.
Why can't I see that as the gift it is?
But am I seeing you, fixed from above
with the pixelated precision
of drone warfare.
Your omniscience would be terrifying,
exhausting to imagine,
or, worse, humiliating.
But you come from below, Jesus.
Bleary eyes in a manger.
A steady gaze as you walk among us.
Or stare straight from the cross.

You look at me with nothing more,
nothing less, than the love that first
interrupted my life with your presence.

There is no protecting you from
me.
Or me from you.
From my insecurities and apathy,
from the shrug of my shoulders
when you say that you are here
to love me in aliveness.
Nothing is hidden from you,
God.
You can see it all.
What a gift, God.
What a gift.
In Christ,
Pr. Andrew

Messiah Calendar

Monday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

11:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm QiGong (zoom)
1:00 pm Knotty Knitters
5:00 pm Superior Handbells
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Male Chorus

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 am AA
12:00 pm Lenten Meditation
1:30 pm Brookridge Worship
5:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Embodied Movement

Thursday, February 29

7:00 am AA
10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study

Friday, March 1

8:00 am MSVMA Choral Festival
9:00 am Senior Men's Bible Study

Saturday, March 2

9:00 am Confirmation Service
Project
5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, March 3

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 Plocher will be on vacation March 13-18

Pr. Molly Hunter will be on vacation March 18-20

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: March 3-6, 10-12, 19-20, 24-27, 31
Pr. Molly Hunter: March 1-2, 7-9, 13-17, 21-23, 28-30

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our April newsletter is **Monday, March 18, 2024.**

Messiah's Newsletter

February 25, 2024
Volume 106, Issue 3

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

Personal Care Kits

Ruth Circle will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits during March and April for Lutheran World Relief. People who must flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. These kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. The kits are a reminder to those receiving them that someone cares for them.

Items needed for each kit include:

- 1 bath towel, dark color preferred
- 1 toothbrush, adult size in original wrapper
- 1 comb, large toothed preferred
- 1 metal nail clipper
- 2 bath size bars of soap

Donations can be placed in the Personal Care Kit container in the narthex. Monetary donations are also welcomed to purchase items, just write Personal Care Kit on the check memo line. Thank you for your help!

Lent through Easter Schedule

Mar. 6: Community Meal at 6:00 pm and Embodied Song at 7:00 pm – Join us for sung worship through Mountain Vespers with the 10:30 band.

Mar. 13: Embodied Art with Abby LaForest & Gina Lindberg in rm. 202 at 6:30 pm. - An opportunity to engage the visual with the tactile and to learn some new artistic skills. All abilities are welcome.

Mar. 20: Embodied Politics: A conversation on Christian Nationalism with Dr. Katie Deaver & Pr. Andrew in the Atrium at 7:00 pm – Explore how, as Christians, our faith impacts our politics and how we navigate the tension between Christianity and patriotism.

Youth:

Mar 2: Confirmation service project from 9:00-12:00 at Messiah

Mar 9: Rummage Sale in Magnuson Hall 9:00-1:00 (see article for details)

Mar. 23: First Communion Class from 9:30 - 12:00 (please sign up by contacting the church office or with Pr. Molly)

Mar. 24: Palm Sunday Songs and Sounds performance by the Sunday School kids in 10:30 worship

Holy Week:

Mar. 28: Maundy Thursday - 6:30 pm (Celebration of First Communion)

Mar. 29: Good Friday - 6:30 pm

Mar. 30: Easter Vigil - 5:00 pm

Mar. 31: Sunrise - 7:00 am

Traditional - 8:30 am

Contemporary-ish 10:30 am

Messiah's Birthdays

March 2024

Friday 1	No birthdays
Saturday 2	Darlene Dreisbach, Johannes Dreisbach, Cadyn Grim, Chris Harkness, Landon Hewitt, Dave Luoma
Sunday 3	Alesia Braund
Monday 4	Alexis Armstrong, Gabriel Armstrong, Aaron Cherry
Tuesday 5	Lucas Boehlke, Angie LeDuc, Kathy Maynard, Sara Moyle
Wednesday 6	Camden Fitzpatrick, Mark Forsberg, Kristen Salmela
Thursday 7	Sheryl Dellangelo, Josie White
Friday 8	Jacob MacPhee, Violet Rector, Zehydan Wash, Matt Wiese
Saturday 9	Kevin Johnson
Sunday 10	No birthdays
Monday 11	Julie Blemberg, Sara Janda
Tuesday 12	No birthdays
Wednesday 13	Fred Maynard
Thursday 14	Darley Kemppainen
Friday 15	Beth Krznarich, Kathy Strazzinski
Saturday 16	Hazel Benam, Molly Dellangelo, Daniel Galvez, Lori Nelson, Emma Peterson
Sunday 17	Sara Parks, Patty Roose
Monday 18	Sam Elder, Dave Gilbert, Kristen Gordon
Tuesday 19	Keith Abraham, Josie Braund, Marybeth Marin
Wednesday 20	Leah Heron
Thursday 21	Maddie Dykema
Friday 22	Morgan Matthews, Brad Muscoe, Michael Sauer
Saturday 23	Bruce Gauthier
Sunday 24	Dan Niemi
Monday 25	Herb Grenke, Allan Johnson, Drew Peterson
Tuesday 26	Darren Smith

Wednesday 27 Ryan Voskuhl

Thursday 28 Dick Balding, Jerry Godec

Friday 29 Jack Mendelin

Saturday 30 Jeff Dodge, Dennis Gustafson

Sunday 31 Brenton Fitzpatrick, Janet Skytta

Passages

In Sympathy to:

- * Family & friends of Cecelia Aikala who passed away on February 9th. Her family will hold a memorial service for her in June 2024.
- * Family & friends of Nancy McCombie who passed away on February 10th. Nancy's visitation & funeral service were on Monday, February 19th at Messiah.
- * Harry Rajala & family upon the passing of his wife, Arlene on February 21st.

Updating Messiah's Phone/Address Directory

Please stop by the office to update or confirm your name, address or phone number between now & Tuesday, March 5th. Please know that this directory is for Messiah members and Messiah visitors, so please feel free to add your contact information if you would like, member or visitor. If you check your contact information and all is still the same, please write **OK** by your name. Thank you!

March Community Meal - March 6

On Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 pm, Messiah will host a free community meal. The meal will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls & cookies. Please join us at 6:00 pm on March 6th for a nice warm meal!

Future Memorial Service for Cecilia Aikala

Cecilia Aikala passed away last Friday, February 9 at her winter home in Georgia. Her family plans to have a memorial service for her at Messiah sometime in June. We will let everyone know the date for that memorial service once the family has decided.

First Communion Class - March 23rd

Pastors Andrew and Molly will be holding a First Communion class for all interested kids and their parents on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:30 am - 12 pm. All ages are welcome! If you are wondering whether your child is ready, a simple curiosity in receiving communion can be the sign. All ages are welcome, even adults with a curiosity about Communion. We will gather to learn about Jesus' Last Supper, what communion means to us as Lutherans and then bake bread together which will be served at the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28th. We will also celebrate first communion on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm with those in attendance at the class helping to serve the congregation. If you have questions or are planning to attend, please contact Pastor Molly.

The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work - *Save the Date!*

April 20 & 27, May 4 & 11 (Saturdays) // 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 information, including registration information, will be available on the church website beginning March 1st and shared via the eNews & Weekly Announcements.

Community Meals 2024

We are planning our community meals for this year. We have a community meal 10 months out of the year (we skip January and July) on the first Wednesday of the month. We now have cooks scheduled for every month except October. If you are willing to plan and cook our October community meal, please contact the church office. Thanks to all of our volunteer cooks!

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to the following couples in March:

Sharon Fluette & her husband	March 1
Larry & Betty Brunton	March 7
Jon & Diana Magnuson	March 13
Scott & Deb Vanlerberghe	March 15
Terri Bocklund & her husband	March 18
Jim & Cathy Winkler	March 20

Lectionary Readings - March 2024

March 3

Reading
Gospel

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
John 2:13-22

March 10

Reading
Gospel

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
John 3:14-21

March 17

Reading
Gospel

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 12:20-33

March 24

Reading
Gospel

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Mark 14:1--15:47

March 31

Reading
Gospel

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Mark 16:1-8

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Harry Rajala & family upon the passing of his wife Arlene; Gary Geschwindt; Don Hillegas; Grant; Kai Dolan; Samantha; Carl & Liz Beyne; Phyllis Champion; Ted; Bruce Lindberg; 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!

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.

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.

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:

***March** - Shampoo (male/female), feminine pads & tampons

***April** - Laundry Soap, Dish Soap & Bars of Soap

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.

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.



U.P. WILD CHURCH

Sunday, March 24 - 3:00PM

at Honalee Retreat Center, 505 E. Basswood Ln.

Pine Sunday Bonfire Service

- * Pine Branch Silent Procession
- * Spiritual Reflections
- * Prayers for our Bioregion
- * Hot tea & good community

U.P. Wild Church is a diverse faith community that cultivates the roots of Christianity recognizing that the wilderness has always been and still is a place of holy connection, revelation, wonderment, and healing.

For More Information About Us
upwild.org

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Am I welcome?

Young or old. Traditional or progressive. Male, female, non-binary or trans. Church veteran or new to faith. Black, white, or brown. LGBTQIA+, straight, or questioning. Have-it-all-together or picking up the pieces. Neurodiverse, differently abled. Single, married, widowed, divorced. Kiddos or none. Pierced, tattooed, or clean-cut.

However you are, whoever you are.

All y'all are welcome here!

Wherever you find yourself, we invite you to join us as we seek hope in God's love this Holy Week and Easter.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 PM

Good Friday, March 29th at 6:30 PM

Easter Vigil, March 30th at 5:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY (March 31st):

Sunrise Service at McCarty's Cove: 7:00 AM

Traditional Worship: 8:30 AM, on 101.9 FM, & livestream

Contemporary-ish Worship: 10:30 AM, livestream

For the latest information on worship and programming, go to
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Letter from Bishop Finegan

Welcome to the Year of our Lord 2024! In this new year, I announce our Synod themes for the next three years, Seed Sowers:

2024 - I Planted

2025 - Apollos Watered

2026 - God gave the Growth

Last year at Synod Assembly, Seed Sowers was the theme for our inaugural Seed Sowers Luncheon that thanked people who had made a planned gift (meaning that they remembered NGLS/ELCA in their will) or were considering doing so. In essence, they were a "Seed Sower," planting seeds for future ministry, seeds that they knew they would not see grow and bear fruit.

However, being a Seed Sower is not limited to those who have planned a legacy gift. After all, are we not all Seed Sowers? Do we not, all of us, plant seeds for future ministry, even as we enjoy the growth from seeds that were planted generations ago?

We plant seeds as we try and pass the faith on to the next generation. We want our children and grandchildren to be blessed by the community of faith in the same way we have been. We stretch our financial capacity to ensure sustainability for years to come. We build a reputation in our communities that we care, and we're ready to serve those in need. We raise up leaders for future generations by nurturing their gifts for ministry. We are every day, Seed Sowers.

At this time of great transformation and change in the Church, it is good to be reminded that the Church is about more than what we experience in the here and now. And there are many ways that a congregation can plant seeds for future ministry.

I think of the faithfulness of St. James in Marinette, WI. Founded in 1918, Shining with the Light of Christ in the Northern Great Lakes Synod Northern Light this community of faith has been hard at work for the sake of Christ for 106 years. This past autumn, the people of St. James discerned that their last worship service will be Sunday April 14, 2024.

While this decision is difficult for all who love St. James, it also witnesses to their faithfulness. As people who believe in a God who brings new life from death and light from darkness, the work of St. James has not been in vain. This community of faith has accomplished that for which it was created and has completed that for which it was purposed. God will bring new life and growth from the seeds that St. James will plant. In the weeks to come, the people of St. James will consider how best to use their assets to support the work of Christ through ministry partners. Their legacy will provide resources to further the purposes of God long after the doors of St. James are closed.

As we focus on Planting this year, we celebrate the history of each and every one of our Northern Great Lakes congregations and the foresight of founding mothers and fathers who by the grace of God, planted our churches. We give thanks for adults who noticed gifts for ministry and planted the idea of future pastoral leadership in young hearts and minds. And we look to see what seeds we can plant today that will bear fruit in a future church, that for now, we can only imagine.

The church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead. ~ELW #729, vs. 1

Yours in Christ, Bishop Katherine Finegan

Overnight Emergency Shelter

Superior Connections Recovery Community Organization is still hosting an Overnight Emergency Shelter for homeless individuals in the Marquette area. They are renting space in Ishpeming and transporting the guests to and from Marquette. Currently about 15-20 individuals are being served.

If you are interested in providing assistance, they could use warm meals/snacks, Gatorade, paper products (plates, bowls, toilet paper, paper towels, heavy duty garbage bags), warm winter clothing (hats, gloves, coats, boots), essential items (wet wipes, hygiene products, etc.) quarter rolls for laundry, bus tickets, returnable can/bottles (can be dropped off at SCRCO's office, 620 S. Lake St.) and monetary assistance. The pickup location is in Marquette, so you don't need to travel to Ishpeming. There is a box for donations in the narthex.

Please contact Lori Hicks at the First Presbyterian Church (906) 226-6587)

With the help of new employee, Ashley Airaudi, Superior Connections RCO has resurrected the online signup to provide dinners at the Engagement Center located at the Wonderland Motel in Ishpeming. Weekend meals are needed most currently. Please welcome Ashley to her new role in developing and managing the Engagement Center! Here is the link to the sign up to provide dinners: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AA2DA0F5C52-47144629-scrco#/for more details>.

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.

Subscribe to Messiah's ENewsletter

Messiah publishes an electronic newsletter every Wednesday which is sent to subscribers via email. Receiving the ENews is a good way to stay abreast of church news and activities. If you are interested in subscribing, contact Kathy at Messiah's office. And, you can access the ENews through Messiah's website.

Summer Employment at Bay Cliff

Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay is now hiring for all positions for summer 2024. We are seeking camp counselors, lifeguards, leadership staff, professional and support staff. For more information, or to apply online, go to www.baycliff.org. Dates of employment for most roles are June 7-August 5, 2024.

Your Prayer Requests

At every Saturday & Sunday worship service, we ask people to fill out a welcome card that is found in the bulletin. The card asks people to put their prayer requests on the back, and these requests are prayed for every Tuesday morning at Messiah's staff meeting. If you wish to have your name or a loved one's name read during worship, please call the office or let the pastors or Jen know. We will need to get permission before we include anyone's name in the worship prayers.

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.

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.

Contribution for a College Scholarship in Memory of Barbara Forsberg

A new college scholarship will be available beginning this year from the Alger Regional Community Foundation. The scholarship is in memory of former Messiah Lutheran Church member Barbara (Golenda) Forsberg who graduated from Mather High School in 1949. Seniors at Munising, Superior Central and Burt Township Schools planning to pursue a higher education degree in the Arts, Education or Music are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Following graduation, Barbara worked in Munising before meeting her husband, Keith Forsberg, who had been a teacher and football and basketball coach at Mather High School during the 1950s. She was active in Marquette arts and crafts circles, as well as the Yarnwinders Fiber Guild. Barbara was a knitter and weaver. She enjoyed sharing her knowledge of fiber arts with others.

Forsberg collected antiques, refinished furniture and conducted estate sales. She attended Northern Michigan University. For several years Barbara worked at Marquette's Michigan Fair Gift Shop, where her talents were used to create store displays. She was also employed as a floral designer.

Donations to the Barbara Golenda Forsberg Scholarship can be directed to: Alger Regional Community Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 39, Munising, MI 49862. For more information, call (906) 387-3900 or send an email to: algercf@yahoo.com. The scholarship's guidelines can be found on the foundation's website at: algercf.com.

Upcoming Events - March & April

March 2	Confirmation Service Project 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
March 6	Community Meal at 6:00 pm
March 6	Embodied Song at 7:00 pm
March 13	Embodied Art at 6:30 pm
March 20	Embodied Politics with Dr. Katie Deaver & Pr. Andrew at 7:00 pm
March 23	First Communion Class 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
March 28	Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30 pm
March 29	Good Friday Worship at 6:30 pm
March 30	Easter Vigil at 5:00 pm
March 31	Sunrise Worship at McCarty's Cove at 7:00 am
March 31	Traditional Worship at 8:30 am
March 31	Contemporary Worship at 10:30 am
April 1	Church office closes

Marquette Area MOPS

Calling all interested moms of preschoolers! Monthly meetings will take place the 1st Thursday of the month, now through May 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.

Celebrate Pi (or Pie) Day with the OWLs

3/14 ----- 3/14 ----- 3/14!

Save the date! The OWLs will celebrate Pi (π or Pie) Day on March 14th. Plan to gather around noon and we will share a pie or two to celebrate the day. See you on π Day!

OWLs (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

We continue to walk on Monday's at 10:00 am at the Dome near NMU's campus. 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.

Additional Ringers Sought

Messiah's Bell Choir invites new and returning ringers to join the rehearsals on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. If you can ring for the spring session, great! If you can ring for only a month or two, we would also welcome you!

Fortune Lake News

(For more information or to register for any of these camp events, please go to www.fortunelake.org.)

Financial Assistance Available for Camp

If you plan to send a child to Fortune Lake this summer, there are camp scholarships available. Please contact the church office for more information.

Here I Am: Jr/Sr High Retreat, April 19-20, 2024

Fortune Lake invites all current 7th-12th graders to participate in our Here I Am Jr/Sr High Retreat. The weekend will feature familiar camp favorites like songs, games, campfire, hot saunas, Bible Studies, and more. Our one-night retreats are great for both longtime campers and those who are just trying it out for the first time. Our theme, "Here I Am" will explore our God-given gifts and how we are called to use them in hopes that campers come away with a clearer understanding of how God calls them to act in their everyday lives.

Growing in Grace Retreat: Nurturing our LGBTQIA+ Youth, April 26-27, 2024

For adults: Fortune Lake invites you to join us for our second annual Growing in Grace Retreat. This year's retreat will focus on the care and support of young people who identify as LGBTQIA+ and the joys and challenges that come with that journey. The weekend will feature Bible studies, time to discuss and share, a fireside chat with Jamie Bruesehoff, and more. This retreat is perfect for those who have LGBTQIA+ youth in their lives who they want to support, those who are interested in becoming a more open and supportive person to their LGBTQIA+ youth in their lives who they want to support, those who are interested in becoming a more open and supportive person to their LGBTQIA+ neighbors, and anybody who works in a youth context. This retreat is a continuation of our Total Inclusion efforts.

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.

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice March 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

3/20/24 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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

Gwinn

3/13/24 2:00 -3:00 pm

Forsyth Senior Center at 165 N Maple St-Gwinn

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):

3/20/24 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Gwinn (2nd Tuesday of every month):

3/12/24 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Forsyth Senior Center; 165 N. Maple St

Ishpeming (3rd Tuesday of every month):

3/19/24 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Ishpeming Multi-Purpose Senior Center; 121 Greenwood St.

Live & Learn - 3/21/24 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Topic: Exercise your brain!

We all know that our bodies need physical exercise, but did you know our brain needs exercise as well? Licensed pathologist Chris Harkness, MS-CCC-SLP will be presenting another presentation in her Aging U.P. series that will teach you how to focus on strategies that will sharpen your brain skills including attention, concentration, decision-making, memory and problem solving. Location: Millcreek Clubhouse 1728 Windstone Dr in Marquette. This presentation is free and open to the public! Please call Jamie Barbieri with any questions 906. 225.7760.

Powerful Tools for Ccaregivers Virtual- This six-week workshop is designed for the non-professional, informal caregiver and will help you take care of yourself while caring for a parent, spouse, or friend, at home, in a nursing home, or across the country. This workshop will provide YOU, the caregiver tools to: Reduce stress and help you relax, make tough decisions, reduce guilt, anger and depression, communicate effectively with family members, your doctor, etc, take care of yourself, & learn to set goals and problem-solve.

When will it happen?: **Thursdays, 3/28 – 5/2, 2024 2:00-3:00 pm EST**

Class size is limited! Registration ends March 17th or when class is full. To register visit our website at: www.upcap.org (click on EVENTS) or call 2-1-1 for assistance. There is no charge for this online workshop. Participants must have a device with internet connection, webcam, microphone, and email address to attend. Class materials are provided. Call Jamie Barbieri with any questions 906.225.7760.

Easter Dinner ~ Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly

Do you know of someone in the greater Marquette area who is 60 years or older who will not have access to an Easter dinner?

Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly's year-round mission is to reach out in friendship to our isolated and lonely elderly neighbors. We provide a traditional meal with dessert, and a friendship flower, that's then packaged in a bag exclusively designed by our youngest volunteers. The person knocking on their door turns this activity from a delivery into a friendship visit on this special day. Elderly folks are also invited to dine-in at the LBFE meal site at the Marquette Elks Lodge #405, 127 N. Front Street. Transportation will be provided. The number of meals available is limited and you must make a reservation for dine-in or delivery by Friday, March 22nd. Deliveries are 12:00-2:00 and dine-in is at 2:00 on Easter Sunday. There is no cost.

Do you know someone? Would you like to volunteer? Let us hear from you. Contact Leslie Bek or Danielle Berg at 906-273-2575. Thank you.

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March 2024 Worship Volunteers

Saturday March 2 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst. 1 *one needed*

Sunday March 3 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 *one needed*
Ushers 2 Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder
Communion Assts. 3 *three needed*
Greeters 2 *two needed*

Sunday March 3 - 10:30 am

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

Saturday March 9 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst. 1 *one needed*

Sunday March 10 - 8:30 am

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

Sunday March 10 - 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 March 16 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst. 1 *one needed*

Sunday March 17 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Larry Pagel
Reader 1 Fred Maynard
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts. 4 Larry Pagel, *three needed*
Greeters 2 Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Sunday March 17 - 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, March 23 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asstt 1 *one needed*

Sunday March 24 - Palm Sunday - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 Jen Bleckiner
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts 3 *three needed*
Greeters 2 Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Sunday March 24 - Palm Sunday - 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*

Maunday Thursday, March 28 - 6:30 pm

Usher 2 *two needed*

Good Friday, March 29 - 6:30 pm

Greeter 2 *two needed*

Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil - 5:00 pm

Greeter 1 *one needed*
Usher 1 *one needed*

Sunday March 31 - Sunrise Service - 7:00 am at McCarty's Cove

Usher 1 *one needed*

Sunday March 31 - Easter Sunday - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 *one needed*
Ushers 2 Mike Coyne, Bruce Robertson
Communion Assts 3 Beth Krznarich, *two needed*
Greeters 2 Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday - 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:

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Associate Pastor.....Molly Hunter

Support Staff:

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

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