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Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

(with Nursery)

Sunday 10:30 am

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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

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

* Lowell R. Johnson from Helen Johnson

To the Glory of God & In Honor & Celebration of...

* Barb Bergstrom's April 5th Birthday from Chris Kotila

Radio: To the Glory of God & In Honor & Celebration of...

* Barb Bergstrom's April 5th Birthday from Chris Kotila

Livestream: To the Glory of God...

* from Messiah

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As I write this, we have just had a few of the most glorious spring days in the middle of March, which I am praying will continue as we enter Holy Week and the beloved yet, can-freeze-your-tootsies-off, Easter morning sunrise service. There is something about the smell of the spring air, the sunshine and the temperatures jumping into the 50's that really makes me feel energized and excited. I carry this same spirit with the newness of activities that happened in Lent due to the thoughtfulness of our planning committee. For spring, and into summer, our newest planning committee has been thoughtfully considering the theme of growth and what that means as we take root in our faith community with old and new faces, grow into new traditions and activities, water the worship that we love and bring light to our story of faith.

All this talk about growth got me thinking, I wonder how you would describe your own story of growing-in-faith. I am especially curious about the people who helped plant your faith by bringing you to church, teaching you stories about Jesus and welcoming you into community. We all have those people but it might surprise us to recognize that we have become that person for someone else. One of the first times I recognized that it was my turn to inspire faith in another person was on my pastoral internship in Texas. There was a high school woman who was super thoughtful and loved volunteering in worship. I remember thinking, 'she would make a fantastic pastor'. As I thought it, I realized that it was something that had to be shared with her. It was my job to name and pass on how I sensed the Holy Spirit at work in her. Many people have helped us to grow in our own faith through those little moments. Now, I wonder how we, as a more mature generation, see ourselves as passing on our faith as a new generation comes to know Jesus.

I hope you take some time this month to think of the ways your faith has grown throughout your life and ways that there is still room for a few new buds. And, if you feel so inclined, share it with me!

I leave you with a [Celtic Prayer](#) from author *John Philip Newell* to inspire you as you contemplate.

*Awake, O my Soul,
To the ever-new song of the earth that is within you.
Awake to its rhythms and seasons,
Its memories of joy and lament
And its eternal hopes of fresh buddings and births.
Awake, O my soul,
To the ever-new song of the earth that is within you.
Awake, O my soul.*

Yours in Christ,
Pr. Molly

March Community Meal - April 3

On Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm, Messiah will host a free community meal. The meal will include baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables and dessert. Please join us at 6:00 pm on March 6th for a nice warm meal!

Personal Care Kits

Ruth Circle will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits during 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!

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!

Messiah Calendar

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

11:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm QiGong (zoom)
1:00 pm Knotty Knitters
5:00 pm Superior Handbells
5:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm Male Chorus

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 am NA
1:30 pm Brookridge Worship
5:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28

7:00 am AA
10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study
4:00 pm Asylum Task Force
6:00 pm Women's Caring & Sharing of Codependence Anonymous
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, March 29

9:00 am Senior Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Gender Fair @ NMU
6:30 pm Good Friday Worship

Saturday, March 30

5:00 pm Easter Vigil Worship

Sunday, March 31

7:00 am Sunrise Worship-McCarty's Cove
8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Worship-Traditional
10:30 am Worship-Contemporary

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 out for continuing Ed. April 7-12

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: April 1-3, 14-17, 21-24, 28-30
Pr. Molly Hunter: April 4-13, 18-20, 25-27

Newsletter Deadline

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

Messiah's Newsletter

March 24, 2024
Volume 106, Issue 4

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

Calling All VBS Volunteers!

Vacation Bible School will be held the last week in June, the 24th – 28th from 9:00 – 12:00. Pastor Molly is looking for a variety of volunteers with different abilities. Are you a musician, do you like helping to prepare food, decorate, or, of course, work with children? There will be a position for everyone and plenty to do. So, contact Pastor Molly if you feel called to help.

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 & Mary Lou Blomquist.

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to the following couples in April:

John & Susanne Dahlke	April 2
Robert & Phyllis Champion	April 15
Jon & Inga Banitt	April 28
Ralph & Pam Christensen	April 28
Jon & Sarah Ruuska	April 29
Ben & Paula Taylor	April 29

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.

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.

Messiah's Birthdays

April 2024

Monday 1	Jeanne Groos, Karl Kaukola
Tuesday 2	Bob Hewitt, Gina Lindberg
Wednesday 3	No birthdays
Thursday 4	Ethan Sellers, Bev Zorza
Friday 5	Barb Bergstrom, Brent Skaw
Saturday 6	Steve Nelson, Quinn Tripp
Sunday 7	Denise Eady, Theo Geschwindt, Les Rolig, Debby St. Onge
Monday 8	Janna Benedict, Bob Marlor, Susan Shaver
Tuesday 9	Andrew Banitt, Logan Osterneyer
Wednesday 10	Dorothy Janda, Doug Morton
Thursday 11	Alexandria Braund, Sydney Braund
Friday 12	Michael Busick, Kim Salmela
Saturday 13	Isabelle Beaudoin, Karla Hardy, Bode Skaw
Sunday 14	Roger Contois, Gail Edgar, Don Hillegas, Dave Lundquist
Monday 15	Liz Beyne, Brett Peterson, John Rector, Cheryl Shirtz
Tuesday 16	Hannah Bleckiner
Wednesday 17	Luke Beerman
Thursday 18	Greg Carrier, Jakob Peterson
Friday 19	Mike Hill, Nancy Lyons, Morgan Messana
Saturday 20	Gina Fortin, Mark Paulsen, Grant Rydholm, Deb Vanlerberghe, Veronica Wiese
Sunday 21	Sonia Geschwindt, Maria Rodriguez
Monday 22	Cathy Seblonka
Tuesday 23	Brett Beauchamp, Lois Brazier, Wyatt Crimmins, Sarah Fosco, Laura Kagy
Wednesday 24	No birthdays
Thursday 25	David DeLayre, Isaac Olson, Rebecca Ulland
Friday 26	Doug Gordon, Lindsay Johnstone, Karen Larsen

Saturday 27 Jackson Kagy

Sunday 28 Mitchell Gilbert, Gary Nicholas

Monday 29 Jason Parks

Tuesday 30 No birthdays

The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

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

Cost: \$85 per couple (includes materials & all classes)

Register: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/8602683>

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.

In this 4-week workshop series couples will learn how to create a solid foundation for their relationship and gain valuable tools to refresh and make their marriage last! Each week couples will be introduced to a new principle for improving their marriage. All workshops are highly interactive and fun.

This class is designed to strengthen your marriage or committed relationship. If you already have a strong relationship, this class will provide you with insights & tools to make it even better. If your relationship is distressed, this class will provide a road map for repair. Carving out time each Saturday morning for the 4-week series allows you to avoid distractions and truly focus on your partner and your relationship.

Couples will each receive a copy of *The 7 Principles for Making Marriage Work*, a copy of the companion workbook, and the "Love Maps and Open-ended Questions" card decks. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Space in each workshop is limited, so register now (register online at messiahlutheranmq.org/the-seven-principles-for-making-marriage-work-workshop). Your space will be guaranteed on receipt of payment. Registration ends on April 15th.

It will be led by Rev. Dr. Andrew Plocher (a trained marriage and family therapist and Gottman Leader).

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.

Centering Prayer Group

Beginning in April, there will be two opportunities to meet together each week: during the day on Tuesdays, from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm or in the early evening on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 pm. A short intro to the method will precede each meeting. So feel free to come at anytime. Each meeting stands on its own. Meetings will take place at Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church. All are welcome.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

-- Matthew 18:20

What is centering prayer? Centering prayer is a Christian form of meditation. Instead of talking to God, who already knows all things and all of our needs, it is a form of listening. The practice has simple steps:

The choosing of a sacred word, as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.

Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.

When engaged with your thoughts, (and "thoughts" include body sensations, feelings, images, and reflections) return ever-so-gently to the sacred word.

At the end of the prayer period remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

After our period of centering prayer, when hearts are more open to inspiration, we will have a reading to ponder. (Lectio Divina)

Resources to learn more: "Invitation to Love," "Open Mind, Open Heart," by Thomas Keating "Into the Silent Land" by Martin Laird and "The Path of Centering Prayer" by David Frenette.

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Karen; Jean Whitman-Shelby & family upon the passing of her brother, George; John & Rose Collins; Rick Castillo; Susan Shaver; Ruth Koehler; 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; Karen Eldevick; Grace; Shannon; Billy & Kathy S.; Lu Swanson; Leesa; Jesse Wright; Marshall Lovan; Peter; 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!

Lectionary Readings - April 2024

April 7

Reading
Gospel

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
John 20:19-31

April 14

Reading
Gospel

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Luke 24:36b-48

April 21

Reading
Gospel

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
John 10:11-18

April 28

Reading
Gospel

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
John 15:1-8

Passages

In Sympathy to:

- * Jaime Davis & family upon the passing of her father, Joe.
- * Sara Morrison & family upon the passing of her sister, Bonnie.
- * Dan Kilpela & family upon the passing of his father, Don.
- * Jean Whitman-Shelby & family upon the passing of her brother, George.

Upcoming Events - March & April

March 28	Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30 pm
March 29	Ecumenical 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
April 10	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
April 17	Council/Mini-Retreat at 6:00 pm
April 20	9:00 am - Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work
April 24	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
April 20	9:00 am - Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work

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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:

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

***May** - Diapers - size 3-6 & Baby Wipes

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 & July) on the first Wednesday of the month. We now have cooks scheduled for every month except October. If you and some family members or some friends are willing to plan and cook our October community meal, please contact the church office. Thanks to all of our volunteer cooks!

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.

Letter from Bishop Finegan

Dear People of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, At the risk of getting too personal, I share with you that my mother joined the Saints Triumphant on February 11. As the deadline for this article is February 12, I cannot help but approach this task with thoughts of my mother at the forefront.

In this year, as together we as a synod consider what it means to be a Seed Sower and what it means to plant, and as I make plans with my siblings to celebrate the life of my mother, I can think of no better example of one who planted seeds and one who witnessed the yield of seeds planted by others long ago.

My mother was born in India in July 1932, the daughter of missionaries. She, along with her four siblings, was brought up in the faith. She was taught the

love of Jesus, the value of compassion, and the expectation of sharing the love of God in a way that makes a difference.

The seeds of faith planted in her bore fruit as she became a nurse, the wife of a seminary professor, the mother of five children, and a generous giver of time, talents, and treasure. She sang in choirs, kissed scraped knees, worked church funerals and became a matriarch of her community of faith. She was a parish nurse at Luther Seminary and her church library was named after her in honor of the hours invested in cataloging, arranging, and gathering literature.

I could go on. But of course, it is the rare mother that doesn’t inspire the accolades of her children. My mother was no exception. But in this season of Seed Sowers, I am grateful for the seeds of faith, and the example of generosity, that my mother gave me and all who knew her.

She not only planted seeds but enjoyed the fruit of seeds planted by others. She witnessed the seeds planted by missionaries when years later she returned to India to visit the church and seminary founded by my grandfather and others. She saw how many pastors, native to India, had graduated from that seminary and students that are attending.

We give thanks for the churches that were planted and the people who came to know Jesus through their efforts. And now? I invite you to consider what seeds of faith you are planting. Whether you are working to pass on the faith to the next generation, or enjoying the fruit of seeds planted long ago, I invite you to intentionally plant seeds for future faith, future ministry. This can happen in many ways:

- Volunteer
- Share your story of faith with a stranger, doubts and all
- Support a ministry effort with your financial gift.
- Share your story of faith with a loved one.
- Remember THE Church or Your church in your will.
- Work on your own discipleship. Take a class, go to church, invite a friend.

In this time of great change, I am grateful for the seeds of faith planted long ago, and the seeds of faith planted now which will bear fruit in the future. We are part of a great cycle of life, this shape of the Christian life that involves dying and rising, Good Friday and Easter, death and resurrection, planting and harvesting.

The spirit of my mother lives on in those who remember her, and the Spirit of the Living Christ lives as only the son of God can - to call, enlighten and sanctify those who gather and are sent in his name, to plant seeds that someone else will water, and someone else will harvest. I give thanks for the blessing of my mother, and for all who have planted seeds of faith.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

Calling All Owls (Older, Wiser Lutherans)!

We will be eating dinner at Casa Calabria on Third Street on Tuesday, April 16th at 5:30 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table outside of Messiah's office. Questions? Please call Betsy 345-9237.

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.

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.

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@messiahlutheran-mqt.org. The cost of the Radio Broadcast or Livestream sponsorship is \$110.00 each.

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.

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.

Now Hiring: Mental Health Support Coordinator for Summer 2024

Fortune Lake has received a grant from Superior Health Foundation for a Mental Health Support Coordinator summer position! This new seasonal position is intended for a person who is pursuing a career as a mental health professional. Employment dates are May 22 through August 16, 2024. This is a residential position with room and board provided. Work schedule is generally Sunday noon through Friday afternoon with weekends off and scheduled daily breaks. Weekly pay is \$405 per week.

Qualified applicants must have completed at least two years of related coursework in psychology and/or social work and have experience working with children. Additional certifications such as Mental Health First Aid, QPR and ASIST are preferred. This position may be used to provide academic credit as fieldwork and/or an internship; arrangements must be made in advance by the student with the academic institution. *See the Fortune Lake website for the full job description.*

Fortune Lake's Annual Association Meeting

Our annual Association meeting will take place on Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 pm CST in the Chapel. Per our bylaws, "Each Association Member Congregation may have up to 3 voting members, including no more than 2 lay people. The third vote may come from the congregation's pastor. Each Association member congregation shall select its members for this Association by an appropriate method of their choosing."

Annual meeting packets will be posted on our website and mailed to Association Congregations before the meeting. We look forward to seeing all the delegates at camp! *Messiah's delegates are Kathy Godec & Herb Grenke.*

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice 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

4/17/24 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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

Gwinn

4/10/24 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 (2nd Wednesday of every month):

4/10/24 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Gwinn (2nd Tuesday of every month):

4/9/24 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Forsyth Senior Center; 165 N. Maple St

Ishpeming (3rd Tuesday of every month):

4/16/24 2:00 – 3:00 pm **CANCELED**

Ishpeming Senior Center; 121 Greenwood St.

Art After Loss

Join us to explore using art as a means of personal healing after death and loss. We will be creating remembrance flags to honor the memory of your loved one or experience. These flags may also be made as flags of hope to help you on your grief journey. We will have supplies to create a decorative keepsake and we encourage you to bring any of the following: photocopied pictures (not the actual photo), pieces of clothing, ties, buttons, jewelry, poems, or other beloved tokens which can be glued or sewn to the provided fabric flag.

Tuesday April 23, 2024 from 5:00-7:30 pm

Peter White Public Library - 217 N. Front St Marquette

Marquette Arts & Culture Center Lower Level (There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP by calling 906.225.7760 or email cvoce@lakesuperiorhospice.org)

Powerful Tools for caregivers – In Person- Registration is now open for this free caregiver workshop. 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 May 9th – June 13th from 1:30-3:00 pm

Class size is limited! Registration ends April 28th 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. Class materials are provided. Call Jamie Barbieri with any questions 906.225.7760.

Join Our Volunteer Community

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice is currently looking for volunteers! We will be having a volunteer training on Wednesday April 24th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Volunteers are paired with any opportunity that fits your comfort level * the talents that you hope to share. Volunteers provide office assistance, friendly visits, respite, music therapy, outreach, event volunteering, maintenance, etc. Please join us! 914 W. Baraga Ave. Call Susie at 906.225.7760 to register or email sduquette@lakesuperiorhospice.org

Thank you for your generosity!

No cash or checkbook? No problem.

You can donate through Venmo

or on our website at:

messiahlutheranmqt.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.

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April 2024 Worship Volunteers

Saturday April 6 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst. 1 Ron Tervo

Sunday April 7 - 8:30 am

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

Sunday April 7 - 10:30 am

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

Saturday April 13 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst. 1 Barb Maszlewski

Sunday April 14 - 8:30 am

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

Sunday April 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 Lesley Williams

Saturday April 20 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst. 1 Terri Bocklund

Sunday April 21 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Larry Pagel
Reader 1 Louise Reichert
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts. 4 *three needed*
Greeters 2

Sunday April 21 - 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 Abby LaForest

Saturday, April 27 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asstt 1 Kathy Godec

Sunday April 28 - 8:30 am

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

Sunday April 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 Godec
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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