

# Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Answering God's call to love

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## Messiah ENewsletter for June 5, 2024

On the web... go to [messiahlutheranmqt.org](http://messiahlutheranmqt.org) for more information about our congregation and "like" us on Facebook to receive updates and information there.

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*Messiah Lutheran Church seeks to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion.*

*We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant and eternal life.*

*We may not always be as welcoming as we should be,  
but this is our intention—all are welcome!*



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### Community Meal Tonight!

Join us tonight for a free community meal. The meal will be bratwurst, beans, chips, coleslaw, and ice cream sandwiches. We look forward to sharing this meal with you!

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### Funeral for Marsha Lucas

The funeral for Marsha Lucas will be on Friday, June 7 at 11:00 am at Messiah. There will be a visitation at Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral Home on Thursday, June 6 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and here at Messiah on Friday, June 7 at 10:00 am. Following the funeral there will be a luncheon at the Presque Isle Pavilion from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

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### **Upcoming Events –June**

June 5	Community Meal at 6:00 pm
June 6	Visitation for Marsha Lucas from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home.
June 6	Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm
June 7	Visitation for Marsha Lucas at 10:00 am
June 7	Funeral service for Marsha Lucas at 11:00 am followed by Lunch at the Presque Isle Pavilion from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
June 9	UP Circuit Ride – Fundraiser for Sacred Space Campus Ministry at NMU
June 10	Last day to register for Vacation Bible School
June 11	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
June 11	Jubilation – Youth Choir from MN performance at 7:00 pm
June 12	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
June 13	Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm
June 18	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
June 18	Finance Meeting at 5:15 pm
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday – church office closed.
June 19	Council meeting at 6:30 pm
June 20	Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm
June 21	Members of Messiah leave to travel to Colombia: returning on July 2 <sup>nd</sup>
June 24-28	Vacation Bible School 8:45 am-12:00 pm
June 25	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
June 26	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
June 27	Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm

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### **Pride Fest – June 8**

Messiah is a community that welcomes and includes ALL God's children including those who are LGBTQIA+. Celebrate our welcome with us at Pride Fest! Messiah annually has a table at Pride Fest. This year Pride Fest is June 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 10:30 pm (tables typically close up around 6:00). If you would like to volunteer to be at our table for any period of time, please contact Jen in the church office. Volunteering at the table involves you to be present and chat with people that come by about our community. Thank you!

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## **UP Circuit Ride – June 9**

Sacred Space Campus Ministry at NMU is holding a UP Circuit Ride fundraiser on Sunday, June 9. The check-in time is 2:00 pm. The ride begins at Jackson Park in Negaunee by the Pavilion. It is an out and back on the Iron Ore Heritage Trail toward Ishpeming. You choose your distance! The suggested donation is \$5.00. To register, email [wesley@mqthope.com](mailto:wesley@mqthope.com) or text 805-710-4752.

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## **“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”- June 11**

The Jubilation Choir of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN will present “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 pm here at Messiah Lutheran Church. There is no charge for the performance but a free-will offering will be taken at the end of the event.

Jubilation is a youth choir consisting of seventh through twelfth grade students. Each summer they tour a new area of the country performing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." This year marks their 36th tour and the choirs 50th year in existence under the direction of Linda Olson. Jubilation has a strong tradition at St. Stephen as most of its members began singing with Linda at the age of 3. Each year, new and returning youth take on different roles in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and add new twists to the show. Past tours have taken them to over 40 different states, Canada, and parts of Europe and each year they return with wonderful stories and unforgettable life experiences.

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## **A Tree Planting Project – June 15**

The first step in this planting project will take place on Saturday, June 15th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. One hundred trees will be prayerfully placed into the forest floor. Volunteers and donations are appreciated. Whatever support can be offered will be welcomed with great appreciation. If you would like to help with this project please meet us Saturday morning at the front of Messiah Lutheran Church, rain or shine. If you have any questions, contact Ken Kelley at 906-869-1911 or [kenkelley2463@yahoo.com](mailto:kenkelley2463@yahoo.com).

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## **Colombia Delegation 2024! – June 21 - July 2**

We're excited to share that a small group from our congregation will be visiting our siblings in Christ in Bogota from June 21 - July 2! Due to the pandemic, Messiah has not sent a group to

Colombia since 2018 and it is time to rekindle those relationships, reconnect with the congregation of Luz y Vida, and to share meals and conversation as we share our experiences of these past 6 years. We hope that this will begin a return of rhythmic accompaniment visits, bringing visitors here (like Pr. Jairo, Ana, and Johanna who came in 2019) and sending groups of us there. This year the initial group will be Pr. Andrew, Jeanne Groos, and Anna & Justin Wild. The group plans to present to the congregation in July after their return.

There are two ways that you can assist this group: 1) please pray for them as they prepare and travel! And, 2) they will be collecting school supplies to take to some of the programs run by the Lutheran congregations in Bogota. A list of the needed school supplies is included in a separate enews article.

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### **Vacation Bible School 2024: Seekers in Sneakers**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 am – 12:00 pm**

Grab your sneakers because this year's Vacation Bible School will embark on the theme of Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus! Every day kids will gather for songs, worship, and Bible stories with the extra fun of using geocaching methods in all our activities. Kids will travel around the church with their shepherd playing active games, learning about Jesus, enjoying a fun snack, and doing science activities or creating art. This five-day Vacation Bible School is sure to be energetic and fun-filled, so register today on Messiah's website – [messiahlutheranmqt.org](http://messiahlutheranmqt.org)! Registration will end on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

For questions, contact Pr. Molly Hunter.

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### **OWLS (older, wiser Lutherans) Summertime Potluck – June 25**

Let's get together for a summer potluck on Tuesday, June 25 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Presque Isle. We will meet & eat at the covered picnic tables next to the ice cream stand. Please bring a dish to share and a beverage for yourself. Plates and plastic ware will be provided. If you have any questions, please call Betsy.

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### **School Supplies Needed for Columbia Trip**

Our Colombia delegation will be taking school supplies with us when we travel to Bogota at the end of June. There is a box in the narthex for collecting these items through mid-June. A list is below. If you would prefer to donate financially (all funds will go directly to the ministries there), please write a check (or venmo/paypal) with the memo saying "Colombia". Thank you!

- \*Markers
  - \*Colored Pencils
  - \*Pencil sharpeners
  - \*Scissors
  - \*Pens
  - \*Glue Sticks
  - \*Sticky Notes
  - \*Hole punches that punch out shapes
  - \*Paint brushes
  - \*Tempera paint
  - \*Stickers
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### **Jam News**

2024 jams will be appearing on the shelves this week. There are some 2023 jams still available. You can help by donating items like rhubarb & sugar pectin. Very soon we will need volunteers to help pick & process strawberries. If you can help, please contact Rebecca Ulland at [rjulland@yahoo.com](mailto:rjulland@yahoo.com)

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### **Preaching Seminar – July 31**

A preaching seminar will be held for licensed lay ministers and lay pulpit supply preachers on Wednesday, July 31 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church (715 Mather St. in Ishpeming).

Come be further equipped for the work you are already doing – Support ministry at your congregation and help cover the preaching needs in your area. Call the NGLS Office at 906-228-2300 to register by July 26. Email confirmation will include more information.

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### **Centering Prayer Group**

There are 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 any time. 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.*

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## **Summer Liturgy**

For a portion of this summer, we will be using the liturgy from A Sanctified Art with the theme "I've Been Meaning to Ask..." From June 2nd through July 21st, this 8-week series will focus us on texts that foster curiosity, courage, and connection in these times fraught with division. Our rhythms in worship will only differ slightly. You'll notice there will be a reading of the day – this reading comes from the theme and a psalm will be paired with the reading. There will be fewer readings during this time because the main reading will be lengthier and tell a longer story.

*Our hope in using this series is best expanded on by the authors themselves:*

May this series help us to behold each other as images of the divine. May it help us strengthen our capacity for empathy and compassion. May it remind us of the power of asking unassuming questions. May it show us that courage is rooted in the heart. Through vulnerability and authenticity, may our courageous conversations lead us to glimpse hope, joy, and beauty—and to become the community God created us to be.

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## **Calling all Gardeners!**

This fall at NMU's Fall Fest on August 26th campus ministry has a goal to give out 100 house plants to the students for them to grow and nurture as they grow. If you could plant the seedlings of houseplants like Pathos, Spider, Swedish Ivy, etc. and have them sprouted in disposable cups and ready to plant, Rev. Marna Fransen will provide pots for these plants. If

you have any questions, contact Pr. Molly. Thank you!

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### **OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Weekly Walk**

The OWLS are now walking at Mattson Park in the lower harbor on Mondays at 10am. We meet by the bathrooms there. Walk at your own pace. After walking the group goes to Provisions to continue visiting. If you cannot walk just come for coffee/tea. The Dome will not be available for walking this summer due to construction. Questions? Please call Betsy at 906 345-9237.

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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:

\***June** – *Male/Female Razors, Hand Sanitizer*

\***July** – *Male/Female Deodorant*

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### **Zoom QiGong**

Zoom QiGong for Health & Wellness, Balance & Fall Prevention. Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm – Diana Magnuson 906-362-9386/ magnusondiana@gmail.com

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### **Messiah Birthdays**

June 5	No birthdays
June 6	Rick Beyers, Joan Gauthier, Lois Kampe, Sally McQueen
June 7	Barb Orhanen
June 8	John Gustafson, John Kiltinen, Judy Quirk
June 9	James Hewitt, Jon Hewitt
June 10	Mary Beals, Karen Goins, Rulon Jewett
June 11	Pauline Kiltinen, Bruce Lindberg
June 12	Shanna Bennett, Eleanor Gustafson, Phil Hoover, Maggie Lindholm, Lillian Tuimala
June 13	No birthdays
June 14	Karen Johnson
June 15	No birthdays
June 16	Jean Reynolds, June Swanson

June 17 Terry Langenberg, Ross Larson, Betsy Little  
June 18 Megan MacPhee, Mylee Muscoe, Jan Phillips  
June 19 Courtney McGovern, Joel Tervo, Jan Vickstrom

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### **In the Hospital**

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pr. Andrew Plocher & Pr. Molly Hunter would like to visit you while you are there. If you can't notify Messiah, please ask a family member to do so.

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### **In Our Prayers**

Family and friends of Les Scheuren who passed away; Family and friends of Marsha Lucas who passed away; Lynne Robertson; Jan Brown; Fred Maynard; Betsy; Karen; John & Rose Collins; Rick Castillo; Susan Shaver; Ruth Koehler; Don Hillegas; Grant; Kai Dolan; Samantha; Phyllis Champion; Ted; Bruce Lindberg; Betty; Grace Chien; 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; Williamson family; Wayne Hanmer; Karen Johnson; Sierra; Charlene Avery

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### **Pastor on Call:**

Pastor Andrew is on call June 5, 9-12

Pastor Molly is on call June 6-8

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### **Worship Volunteers**

#### **Saturday, June 8 -- 5:00 pm in atrium**

Assisting Minister: Karen Kimar-Johnson

Communion Assistant: Ron Tervo

Provide Refreshments: **Volunteer needed.**

**Sunday, June 9 -- 8:30 am in sanctuary, on 101.9 FM, Vimeo/Facebook**



Assisting Minister: Chris Harkness  
Reader: Larry Pagel  
Ushers: Cathy Seblonka, Anne Rydholm  
Communion Assistants: Larry Pagel, Beth Krznarich, Kathy Maynard  
Greeters: Tom and Amy Froiland  
Nursery: Maddie Dykema  
Provide Refreshments: **Volunteer needed.**

### **Sunday, June 9 – 10:30 am in sanctuary, on Vimeo/Facebook**

Assisting Minister: **Volunteer needed.**  
Reader: Nancy Hamlin  
Ushers: Dave and Nancy Skoog  
Communion Assistants: **3 volunteers needed.**  
Greeters: Milt and Boli Soderberg  
Projection Technician: Kathy Godec

Nursery: Maddie Dykema  
Flower Delivery: Michael and Clare Sauer

## **Announcements and Classified Ads**

### **Window AC unit**

Louise Reichert, has a window AC unit that she would like to give to someone in our church community. If you have a need for it/or would like it, please contact the church office. For Louise's use, It cooled off her living & dining room well in a smaller home. It is a 6000 BTU unit.

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### **Items Needed**

Some items are needed to help set up an apartment for a friend of Messiah who has recently moved into Pine Ridge. Items needed include:

- Plastic Hangars
- Two end tables
- A bookshelf

Please call the office if you have any of these items in good condition you could donate.

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## **Marquette Lions Club**

The Marquette Lions Club is offering a new opportunity for you to show your patriotism and support our club. We will be placing a 3 x 5 USA made flag in your yard for the summer holidays of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day for \$35. If you are interested, please contact us at [MarquetteLions@yahoo.com](mailto:MarquetteLions@yahoo.com). For more information about this event, visit our website [marquettelions.org](http://marquettelions.org) and click on the drop-down menu for Club Projects.

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## **Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice Events**

### **Advance Directives Presentation**

Learn how to make your healthcare preferences known! On June 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation on advance directives. It will take place at the Millcreek Clubhouse (free and open to the public to attend). We will be discussing the most popular advance directive, the 5 wishes. There is no fee to attend this presentation, however there will be the 5 wishes available to purchase for those who are interested. The cost is \$5.00. There will also be a free Advance directive available for those who aren't able or interested in purchasing.

Have a say in your healthcare when it matters most. An advance directive is right for EVERYONE! Advance directives prepare you for the possibility that you wouldn't be able to speak for yourself – it is your voice. You should have an advance directive at any age, even if you're not sick.

For more details, please go to our website – [lakesuperiorhospice.org](http://lakesuperiorhospice.org).

**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. Free & open to the public. No affiliation with our hospice is required. Choose the location that works best for you! Please call 906.225.7760 if you have any questions.

Marquette

6/19/24 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

Gwinn

6/12/24 2-3 p.m.

Forsyth Senior Center 165 N Maple St in Gwinn

**Caregiver Support Groups** – Are you feeling isolated or burned 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

6/12/24 2-3 p.m.

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice Office

914 W. Baraga Ave.

**Gwinn**

2nd Tuesday of the month

6/11/24 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Forsyth Senior Center

165 N Maple St

**Ishpeming**

3rd Tuesday of every month

6/18/24 2-3 p.m.

Ishpeming Senior Center

121 Greenwood St.

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**Do you have an announcement?**

Send announcements & ads to Kathy Godec ([kathy@messiahlutheranmqt.org](mailto:kathy@messiahlutheranmqt.org)). Send concert or performance information, yard sale announcements, party invitations, requests for babysitters, yard maintenance, rooms for rent and items for sale. E-newsletter deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesdays.

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### **Pastoral Staff**

Senior Pastor - Andrew Plocher

Associate Pastor - Molly Hunter

### **Office Staff**

Parish Administrator - Jennifer Dodge

Administrative Assistant – Kathy Godec

Parish Accountant - Mike Hill

Financial Secretary – Anne Rydholm

### **Music Staff**

Director of Music – Sara Parks

Bell Choir Director - Judy Quirk

Organist/Pianist - Kathy Strazzinski

Pianist – Jacob Schmeltzer & Jocelyn Basse