

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for June 12, 2024

On the web... go to messiahlutheranmqt.org for more information about our congregation and "like" us on Facebook to receive updates and information there.

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!



Brookridge Worship Today!

Please join us for worship at Brookridge Heights today at 1:30 pm. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events –June

June 12 Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
June 13 Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm

June 15	Tree Planting Project at 9:00 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 nd
June 24-28	Vacation Bible School 8:45 am-12:00 pm
June 25	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
June 25	OWLs Summer Potluck at 11:30 am at Presque Isle
June 26	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
June 27	Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm

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 in 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.

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.

Vacation Bible School 2024: Seekers in Sneakers

June 24th – 28th 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! Registration will end on June 10th.

For questions, contact Pr. Molly Hunter.

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.

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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Update on World Hunger Appeal

The total amount of money raised during our World Hunger Appeal was \$4,214.87. Half of that amount will be donated to World Hunger; the other half will be donated to the NMU Food Pantry. Thanks to all for your generosity!

Jam Notes: Thank You!

Rhubarb, strawberry rhubarb, and orange rhubarb are now available. Rebecca and Grant thank those who helped make this possible with your donations. Next is the picking and processing of strawberries. Please contact Rebecca to schedule your help. Contact her at rjulland@yahoo.com. Keep spreading the love.

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.

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.*

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.

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!

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.

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*

Zoom QiGong

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

Messiah Birthdays

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
June 20	Carol Bell, Gabe Gentz, Amber Hewitt, Taylor McGovern
June 21	Mackenzie Beaudoin, Grace Chien, Lars Gentz
June 22	Betty Dellangelo, Carol Masuga
June 23	Marjorie Andersen
June 24	Ellen Cosner, Clayton Evans, Elden Wilder
June 25	Don Dreisbach, Jon Magnuson, Logan Peterson, Sophia Sander
June 26	Eliisa Herman

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.

In Our Prayers

Jan Vickstrom and family upon the passing of her brother Paul; family and friends of Mary Ann Voegtline upon her passing; 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

Pastor on Call:

Pastor Andrew is on call June 12, 16-19

Pastor Molly is on call June 13-15

Worship Volunteers

Saturday, June 15 -- 5:00 pm in atrium

Assisting Minister: Carol Bell

Communion Assistant: Barb Salmela

Provide Refreshments: Barb Salmela

Sunday, June 16 -- 8:30 am in sanctuary, on 101.9 FM, Vimeo/Facebook

Assisting Minister: Grant Soltwisch

Reader: Judy Quirk

Ushers: Sten Taube, Bruce Robertson

Communion Assistants: Judy Quirk, Dave Blomquist, Larry Pagel

Greeters: Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Nursery: Sherry Johnson

Provide Refreshments: Penny Streeter.

Sunday, June 16 – 10:30 am in sanctuary, on Vimeo/Facebook

Assisting Minister: Jeanne Groos

Reader: Mark Paulsen

Ushers: **Need two volunteers.**

Communion Assistants: Sandy Lindberg, **need two more volunteers.**

Greeters: Marina Shinkarenko, Linda Carlson

Projection Technician: Abby LaForest

Nursery: Sherry Johnson

Flower Delivery: **Need a volunteer.**

Announcements and Classified Ads

Bookcase Needed

Thanks to everyone who provided the needed items to our friend of Messiah. She has moved into her apartment at Pine Ridge. She still needs a bookcase. Please call the office if you have a bookcase in good condition you could donate.

Marquette City Band – Summer Concerts

As part of their Summer Concert series, there are two more concerts by the Marquette City Band in June. “Toe Tappers” is on Thursday, June 20 at 7:30 pm at Presque Isle Park and “Friends of the Band Shell” is on Saturday, June 29 at 7:00 pm at Presque Isle Park. The band director is Dr. Stephen Grugin. Admission is free but donations are appreciated. In case of inclement weather, performances will be held at NMU’s Reynolds Recital Hall. For more information: facebook.com/mqtcityband or marquettcityband.com.

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. For more information about this event, visit our website marquettelions.org and click on the drop-down menu for Club Projects.

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice Events

Advance Directives Presentation

Learn how to make your healthcare preferences known! On June 20th 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.

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.

Do you have an announcement?

Send announcements & ads to Kathy Godec (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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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