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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

(with Nursery)

Sunday 10:30 am

(with Nursery)

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July 28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

* Lowell R. Johnson from Helen M. Johnson

Radio: To the Glory of God...

* from our Messiah family

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

* Helen Ryan from Patty and family

Siblings in Christ,

I write to you in the wake of an attempted assassination of a former president and the end of the re-election campaign by the current president. It feels trite to say that we are living in challenging, unprecedented times. Indeed, the war in Gaza rages on, millions of innocent people living on the brink of destruction, just one of many "conflict zones" around the globe. Our national politics seem mired in toxicity and vitriol; gun violence is so ubiquitous that we barely blink at another young man turning an assault rifle on a crowd; climate change has made erratic and dangerous weather the norm.

How do we live faithfully in these times? Does our worship and singing, our praying and serving, our remembering the stories of Jesus and following his ways matter in the face of so much suffering, destruction and dysfunction?

Absolutely. Our acts of service, generosity and justice-making protect against and dismantle the ills of the world. Our worship nurtures our weary souls, shapes us as Christ's disciples and centers God in a world that would rather center itself. We gather as community building connections in a world that would rather pull us apart and isolate us. Being the church in this world, and to one another, has never been more important. It matters.

Less than a month ago, I visited with our partners in the Lutheran Synod in Colombia (IELCO) and the congregation of Luz y Vida in Bogota. A small group of us (Justin and Anna Wild, Jeanne Groos, and I) were immersed in their ministries, and every single day our hearts were filled. These are communities that have faced national upheaval, immense poverty, changing communities due to immigration, and government red tape at every turn of operation. Yet they continue. They show up. They gather the elderly, the young, the disabled, the traumatized, and they create beauty together. They find meaning in song and worship, in projects and crafts, and with one another. They are the church in a difficult world. They weave hope in the face of suffering, destruction and dysfunction.

We are their siblings. Together we are the church. We may be thousands of miles apart, but our faith holds us close. They are praying for us, and I ask that we hold them in prayer, too. We are not alone in these challenging and unprecedented times.

This fall, I encourage you to participate here at Messiah. Find a way to act in service, generosity, or justice-making. Come renew your spirit in worship and song and remember your beloved-ness by God. Gather around a meal, a book study, a project, and talk with one another. Together we are the church. What we do matters.

I also want to remind you that if you find that the weight of the world too heavy at times, that's okay. We're together in that, too. It's okay not to always be okay. But please reach out to a helper (as Mr. Rogers would say). Reach out to someone else from church, a friend, or a pastor (just not Pr. Molly while she's on sabbatical – please see that article in the newsletter). May we be here for one another with listening ears, shared words, and reminders of hope.

Which reminds me of the benediction a friend of mine uses in worship every week:

*Go forth into the world with compassion and justice in your heart
Hear voices of the long-silenced
See strength in what has been deemed weak*

*See one another
Hear one another
Care for one another
And love one another*

*It's all that easy
And it's all that hard*

*Now may the grace of God
The love of Christ
And the power of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all, now and forevermore
Amen.*

Together let us be the church.

In Christ, Pr. Andrew

Messiah Calendar

Monday, July 29

7:00 am AA
10:00 am OWLs Walk
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday, July 30

11:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Centering Prayer
12:00 pm QiGong (zoom)

Wednesday, July 31

7:00 am NA
6:30 pm Prom Musical Rehearsal

Thursday, August 1

7:00 am AA
10:00 am Koinonia Bible Study
5:00 pm Building & Grounds

Friday, August 2

Nothing Scheduled

Saturday, August 3

2:00 pm Baby Shower-Stephen & Molly Luty
5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, August 4

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Worship-Traditional
10:30 am **Beach Worship**-Clark Lambros Beach, *bring your own chair*

Help Needed at WELCA Fall Retreat

The Women of the ELCA Northern Great Lakes Synod will be holding its fall retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp on September 21st & 22nd. Messiah has been asked to staff a booth offering our fair trade/Equal Exchange coffees, teas, chocolate and other food items. The booth would be set up and ready for business by 10:30 on Saturday and would be taken down mid-late afternoon. Lunch is provided and volunteers at the booth are also welcome to attend workshops. We'd like two or three people to help with this. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Beach Worship-Clark Lambros Beach

Messiah will be offering two beach worship services on August 4th & Sept 1st at 10:30 am. We look forward to worshipping with you at Clark Lambros Beach on these two Sundays!

Community Meal - August 7th

Messiah will be hosting a community meal on Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00 pm. This meal will include sub sandwiches, homemade potato salad, chips and a dessert. The vegetarian option can be a veggie sub & the potato salad. Please join us as we gather for a meal. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

Time Away

Pr. Andrew will be on vacation from August 12-14 & 17-18.
Pr. Molly will be on vacation from August 22-25.

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: August 4-7, 19-28
Pr. Molly Hunter: August 1-3, 8-18, 29-31

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our September newsletter is **Monday, August 19, 2024.**

Messiah's Newsletter

July 28, 2024
Volume 106, Issue 8

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

Thank You from NMU

Dear Messiah, the generous gift to the NMU Food Pantry on behalf of Messiah Lutheran Church is invaluable in advancing opportunities at NMU. As we celebrate the achievements of our graduating students, your support underscores the importance of our mission. We appreciate your steadfast dedication to NMU's success and for positively impacting the lives of our students. Thank you. Sincerely, Brad Canale

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.

Jam News

Blueberry Fest continues. We have blueberry Jam and blueberry-Cinnamon jam on the shelves along with 12 other varieties of jam. Thimbleberry will arrive soon. Blackberry too as the berries ripen again. Thank you for your support with sugar, jars & fruit and your support for this mission of those in need in our community.

Messiah's Birthdays

August 2024

Thursday 1	Jamie Dodge, Tyson Luoma
Friday 2	Fiona Fitzpatrick, Emma LeDuc, Kirsten Matthews, Dick Oslund
Saturday 3	Mary Duranceau
Sunday 4	John Broadway, Holly Muscoe, Susanne Smith
Monday 5	Cameron Contois
Tuesday 6	Jayme Bell, Larry Brunton, Jill Luoma, Ken Skytta
Wednesday 7	Renee Jewett
Thursday 8	Dick Goodney
Friday 9	Allyson Anderson, Karen Burkman, Michael Campana, Ruth Robb
Saturday 10	Jan Brown, Peter Claybaker, Adrienne Wolf
Sunday 11	Jeremy Braund, Landric Braund, Ann Johnson
Monday 12	No birthdays
Tuesday 13	Daphne Greenwood, Justin Wild
Wednesday 14	Sara Morrison
Thursday 15	Lou Ann Balding, Alexis Hammerstrom
Friday 16	Kayleigh Beaudoin, Brenda Blett
Saturday 17	Jessica Flurette, Della Slavsky
Sunday 18	Oliver Davis, Ann Lahti
Monday 19	Elise Busick, Phyllis Champion, Kelley Mahar, Michael Orhanen, Patty Stevens
Tuesday 20	Jim Nebel, Kyle Smith, Jamie Vanlerberghe
Wednesday 21	David Carlson
Thursday 22	Sue Churette, Stina Jackson
Friday 23	Karen Eldevick, Laura Petrie
Saturday 24	No birthdays
Sunday 25	Grayson Beaudoin, Lois LaBrecque

Monday 26	No birthdays
Tuesday 27	Jaime Davis, Sue Feldhauser
Wednesday 28	Dave Boehlke
Thursday 29	Helen Lord Anderson, Julie Groleau, Kathy Peters, Bruce Robertson
Friday 30	Mike Coyne
Saturday 31	Karen Beauchamp

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to the following couples in August:

Jim & Mary Duranceau	August 2
Darren & Laurie Smith	August 2
Michael Joy & Rebecca Ulland-Joy	August 3
Barb Maszlewski & Beth Wendricks	August 3
Marcia Heron & her husband	August 5
Andrew & Melissa Wilder	August 9
Paul & Linda Wainio	August 11
Kristen Zorza & her husband	August 14
Steffani Baker & her husband	August 16
Dick & Lou Ann Balding	August 16
Roger & Lucy Contois	August 16
Mark & Sheryl Dellangelo	August 16
Janice Johnstone & her husband	August 16
Dick & Laura Goodney	August 17
Dave & Jill Luoma	August 17
Dick & Karen Oslund	August 18
Tom & Kathy Osier	August 19
Eric & Jessica Gummerus	August 20
Dave & Jessica Boehlke	August 22
Cheryl Anderegg & her husband	August 23
Bruce & Joan Gauthier	August 24
Herb & Sandy Grenke	August 26
Chuck & Jean Reynolds	August 26

Sign Up for Sunday School

Sunday School begins on September 8th during the 10:30 worship service. Please bring your child(ren) upstairs to the classrooms or Magnuson Hall before worship (teachers will be present). They will return to worship and to you before communion. We look forward to this year of learning, play, arts, and music together. Stay tuned for a letter, schedule and information about our Christmas music program in December from Pastor Molly in August.

Sign-up can be found on the front page of Messiah's website. As always, all are welcome to come and learn about God's love at any time. Teachers will always have registration forms in their classrooms but we appreciate you signing up before hand so that we can know numbers and a little more about your child.

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* Family & friends of Ed Puska who passed away on June 27th. His funeral will be at Messiah on Saturday, August 10th with visitation at 10:30 am, service at 12:00 pm, preceded by a brief tribute from the Masons with a lunch to follow in Magnuson Hall.

* Pr. Molly Hunter and family upon the passing of her grandmother, Ruth.

* Susanne Smith and Darren & Laurie Smith upon the passing of Susanne & Darren's brother Ken Smith.

* Family & friends of Marsha Lucas who passed away on June 1st.

* Family & friends of Mary Ann Voegtline who passed away.

* Family & friends of Les 'Hook' Scheuren who passed away on May 27th.

In Celebration of:

* the birth of Eliza Josephine Schmeltzer (on July 4, 2024) who is the daughter of Jacob & Emily Schmeltzer and the little sister to brother Simon. Jacob Schmeltzer is our 10:30 am worship pianist. Please congratulate him when you see him!

Suppers for Six

Suppers for Six Sign-Up will take place again in August for groups that will meet for the following 6 months. We heard that you wanted more time to get to know your group, and we want to honor that. Please sign-up on the welcome table outside of the church office by August 26th, you will receive your groups the following week. Even if you have signed up before, you need to re-sign-up yourself or your family to be included in this next round. Never been in a group before? These are intergenerational supper groups that meet once a month for a potluck-style meal or at a restaurant, depending on what your group decides. We hope that they will help you get to know people outside your service and circle better so that we can feel connected to one another as siblings in Christ. Questions? Contact Pr. Molly

Lectionary Readings - August 2024

August 4

Reading
Gospel

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
John 6:24-35

August 11

Reading
Gospel

12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8
John 6:35, 41-51

August 18

Reading
Gospel

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6
John 6:51-58

August 25

Reading
Gospel

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
John 6:56-69

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

The OWLS are now walking at Mattson Park in the Lower Harbor on Monday's at 10:00 am. 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 345-9237.

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Larry Brunton; Charlie Blake; Carol Bell; Dorothy; Lillian Tuimala; 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; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Tina; Williamson family; Wayne Hanmer; 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!

Honduran Family Update

Greetings from the asylum team! Three years have passed and the Honduran family continues to work to build a new life in Marquette with the support of the Messiah congregation and our community.

Fernando will be a Freshman, continues to study violin and is currently attending the Superior Strings camp. Beginning August he will be off to Fortune Lake. Fernando hopes to play tennis this fall. Daniel switched his education path mid year and began studying for his GED. Both he and Romel have passed some of the GED tests. Daniel enjoys being at home and recently traveled with the Groos Family and experienced some summertime fun; boating, tubing, fishing which he enjoyed. Romel is working full time in housekeeping at Jacobetti and enjoys exercising at the YMCA. Recently he got a new prosthesis, as he out-grew his previous one and it is allowing him to work full time. The funds for his new prosthetic came from Romel himself, the MPARO grant and some of the funds from Messiah's Asylum Fund. Glenda also works full time in the housekeeping department at Jacobetti. She works hard and has improved in her English conversations and continues to learn increased independence in the community. By October 1st the family will be 100% financially independent.

On July 11th the family's asylum status hearing was canceled again, without a reschedule date. In early Spring the family was assisted in applying for a UVISA and they continue to await the results. If awarded, the family would be allowed an additional 5 years to their current status to remain in US. The Honduran legal system is difficult to navigate and manage, but the team continues to explore any avenues that will help the family remain in the US.

The family is adjusting to living in Marquette. Lots of challenges & growing pains. They continue to persevere and the church has continued to embrace and love them. Thank you for being servants of God's work.

Mary Beth Carstens, asylum team

Marquette Lions Club

The Marquette Lions Club is offering a new opportunity for you to show your patriotism & support our club. We will be placing a 3 x 5 USA made flag in your yard for the summer holidays of Memorial Day, 4th 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.

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.

Sister City Visitors in Marquette

The Marquette Area Sister City Partnership will host 9 delegates from our Sister City in Higashiomi, Japan. They will be in Marquette from Tuesday, July 30th - Tuesday, August 6th. This will mark the 45th anniversary of the partnership and many special activities are planned. Some of the events open to the public include:

*Airport Greeting & Welcome Ceremony on Arrival
Tuesday, July 30th at 6:53 pm

*Commemorative Tree Planting in Lower Harbor
Wednesday, July 31st at approximately 3:30 pm

*Wintergreen Gallery Japanese Treasures exhibit
Wednesday, July 31st (this will be in place for a month [3rd Street])

*Airport Farewell Sayonara Ceremony
Tuesday, August 6th 5:30 am

Host Families from Messiah include:

-Ralph & Pam Christensen

-Sally Davis

-Mark & Laura Petrie

-Justin & Anna Wild

Council Highlights

The July Council meeting was canceled. There will be highlights from the upcoming August Council meeting that will be shared in the September newsletter. Thank you.

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.

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.

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Book Study: “I think you’re wrong (but I’m listening)”

by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers

September 21st, 9:00 am, in the Atrium

There is no question that this time in our country & world is putting great stress on our relationships. The political divide in our country is polarizing our families, our communities, and our congregations. Written by two friends who understand themselves to be in opposite political positions, “I Think You’re Wrong (But I’m Listening)” is the result of their intentional and careful work of hosting and modeling grace filled conversations on topics that are often divisive. Join Pr. Andrew for a lively discussion about the book and about how we embrace difficult conversations as a spiritual practice.

Copies of the book should be available for purchase (\$12) in the church office the second week of August.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp News

Fortune Lake is in the swing of summer camp. A new group is coming each week! Please check out their website for a fun summer camp experience for any child. Their website is www.fortunelake.org.

Limited Edition Prints of “Fortune Lake by Firelight” Available

Our June Intergenerational Camp was blessed by the presence of Pr. Paul Orman of Drawn to the Word. Pr. Paul spent the week with us, which culminated in an expressive worship experience during which he created the oil painting “Fortune Lake by Firelight” right before our eyes. It was amazing!

Pr. Paul has agreed to sell a very limited edition of prints of his stunning painting. 20% of all sales will be donated back to the outdoor ministry of Fortune Lake. Visit the Drawn to the Word website to learn more, and to claim your limited edition print today!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

During August & September Women Reaching Women Circle will be collecting donations of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. These kits are sent to children in need in our country & around the world.

A bin is available in the narthex for your donations. We also welcome cash contributions. Thank you for your help! The following items are needed:

- 70-sheet notebooks, wide- or college-ruled
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- Pencil sharpener
- 30 cm ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one edge and inches on the other
- Fiskars-type kids’ scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 2 1/2” Pink Pearl-type eraser

Gretchen’s House Update

Gretchen’s House has been up and running since July 8th! The enrollment is slowly filling, and they’re looking forward to full classrooms in the fall! If you know of anyone still in need of infant/toddler or preschool childcare, please don’t hesitate to share about Gretchen’s House with them.

You may have also noticed the new fence around part of our property by the Fourth Street house. That space is one of the areas utilized for outdoor play by Gretchen’s House. The other space will be down by the entrances to the lower level and is awaiting final permission from the city (part of that space is technically city right-of-way). If you have questions about Gretchen’s House, please feel free to check out their website: gretchenshouse.com or to contact their director, Shannon Barber, at 906-376-0639. We look forward to Shannon sharing newsletter updates with us in the future!

A Smart Way to Give - IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

Did you know that you can give through your IRA?

This is a wonderful giving opportunity for those over 70½: Federal legislation allows you to make tax-free distributions from your IRA directly to a charity, such as our church. This distribution means no increased income or payment of additional tax. This opportunity may be used for your annual stewardship gift or a planned gift to our church.

Some of the details of the IRA Rollover:

- Donors must be age 70½ or older at the time of transfer.
- Distributions must be made (1) directly from the trustee (2) to the qualified charity, such as our church.
- This qualifies toward the IRA owner’s Required Minimum Distribution.
- Distributions are not included in the owner’s adjusted gross income.
- No taxes are paid on qualified charitable distributions.
- Please consult your qualified professional advisers on how this gift would fit into your overall plans and your eligibility for tax benefits.

We are grateful for your generous giving and want to assist in any way we can. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our financial secretary, Anne Rydholm (anne@messiahlutheranmqt.org).

UP Wild

Sunday, August 25 at 4:00 pm - MQT Nature Prayer Service, Presque Isle Gazebo w/ Tea and conversation.

Centering Prayer

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You will know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." John 15:16-17

The process of divine intimacy engages our ordinary human faculties—even the body—in relationship with the Higher Power. Since we are made in the image of the Higher Power, we have within us as our basic core of goodness everything we need to be at peace and happy in the present moment. Only we don't know it because, like a diamond hidden under an enormous heap of garbage, the layers of the false-self programs, thoroughly defended and increased by the traumas of our lives as they unfold, conceal God's presence within us.--

Contemplative prayer is a form of communing with God that awakens us to the deeper levels of happiness that are waiting for us, once we respond to the invitation to the deep knowledge and love of God.--

The Divine Presence is always within us holding us in being at every moment—twenty-four hours a day. Creation is an ongoing and continuous act. The fact that we're sitting here is because God is holding us in being—body, soul, spirit—at every nanosecond of time.

Divine Therapy and Addiction Thomas Keating

Office Administrator Needed for Northern Great Lakes Synod

This full-time, in-office position is the primary administrative support for the Executive Staff of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America located in Marquette. Applicants should have strong organizational skills, ability with both digital and written communication tools, and experience in general office management. Compensation is commensurate with experience. For a full position description, go to www.nglsynod.org. Send resume and cover letter to ngls@nglsynod.org or 1029 N. Third Street, Suite A, Marquette, MI 49855.

Join Mqt MomCo - Marquette Area Mom Community

Calling all moms with young children! Elevate your motherhood journey with Mqt MomCo (formerly known as MOPS). MomCo meets on the 1st Thursday of each month from September to May at Messiah, from 5:15 pm to 7:15 pm. It's a time for moms to connect, share experiences, and support each other through the highs and lows of motherhood. Childcare is usually available during meetings. For more details, contact the church office or Renee Jewett, co-coordinator.

Rally Day - September 8th

Messiah's Rally Day will be Sunday, September 8th following the 10:30 am worship service.

We will be holding it in the front parking lot with the street blocked off. We will be serving hot dogs (and veggie hot dogs), chips, fruit, veggies & dessert. We will have a bounce house & some activities for the kids. We hope you can join us for the festivities!

We are in need of two more canopies for Rally Day. Do you have a 10 ft x 10 ft canopy at home that we could borrow for the picnic? If it's a little bigger or a little smaller; that is ok too!

Rally Day - Setup & Take Down

We will have a sign up sheet on the welcome table soon for folks to sign up to help before and after our Rally Day event. Some volunteer jobs that we need filled are: moving tables/chairs outside from Magnuson Hall; setting up & blowing up the bounce house; placing 3-4 canopies around the area - have one or two over the food table and another one or two over a couple of the tables where people will be eating.

When the picnic winds down, we will need volunteers to take down the canopies and bring them inside the church; we will need volunteers to haul the chairs/tables back into the church & up to Magnuson Hall; we will need a volunteer or two to shut down the bounce house, fold it up and bring it inside the church. And lastly, volunteers to clean up the food table.

If you are able to help with any of these things, please sign up at the welcome table. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask in the office.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration!

Confirmation

Confirmation begins the last Sunday in September with a kickoff event for parents and students on Sunday, September 29th at Bethany in Ishpeming (location may change). Classes begin the second Saturday in October and will continue the second Saturday of every month between October and May of 2024- 2025 from 9:00 am -12:00. We will continue to rotate to the different churches in our conference as the kids gather with all the other kids and pastors in our conference (ELCA churches in Marquette county).

Parents, please stay tuned for a detailed letter of sites and lessons for each Saturday. Confirmation participation for three years is required for your child to be confirmed in the church.

Upcoming Events - August

August 4	Beach Worship, 10:30 am at Clark Lambros Beach
August 7	Community Meal at 6:00 pm
August 10	Funeral for Ed Puska starting with visitation at 10:30 am Masons tribute at 11:45, funeral service at 12:00 pm with a luncheon in Magnuson Hall to follow
August 14	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
August 28	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
September 1	Beach Worship, 10:30 am at Clark Lambros Beach
September 2	Labor Day - Messiah's office will be closed for the day
September 4	Community Meal at 6:00 pm

Messiah's Nursery

Messiah's nursery is staffed each Sunday from 8:30 am - up to 12:00 pm. There is a paid staff person in there who is over 18 and has had a background check. If you have children under the age of 5 whom you would like to leave in the nursery while you attend worship, you are more than welcome to do so. The staff have you sign your children in when you drop them off. If you would prefer to stay in the nursery with your children, you are welcome to do that too. If you have any questions about the nursery, please ask the nursery attendants or the church office staff.

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:

***August** - Diapers (size 3-6); Baby Wipes

***September** - Feminine Pads & Tampons

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.

Worshipping 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, Jocelyn Basse, Kathy Godec, Grant Soltwish, John Sarkela, and Dave & Mary Lou Blomquist.

Stewardship Story from Grant Soltwish

When you hear the word stewardship, many of us think about finances and being called to give. But stewardship isn't just about money, it is about much more. Remember the time and talent forms? That is about stewardship also, using your talents and your time in God's creation. And yet that doesn't quite measure up, so the 'new' stewardship is going to ask you to tell your story. What does Messiah Lutheran Church mean to you? Why do you give of your resources; financial, time & talent? How do you live out 'God's work, our hands'? We know some of your story, it might be singing, teaching, visiting and so many other ways that we do not know. Share your story.. and so here is mine.

Some of you think that I love Messiah because of the support I received when my wife, Kathy died recently, it is, in a way, but not as you might think. Here goes. Way back in 1969 I separated from the military and because I had started college on the base, we stayed so I could finish. We joined Messiah as a family because we were asked. Raymond P. Hutter who became my boss and mentor invited us. Evangelism in action. We were traditionalists and found the early service was a fit. Messiah was a place that we could comfortably worship, even though 'outsiders' wondered how, since Messiah's congregation was made up of lawyers, doctors, university professors and the president and oh, yes, bankers too. All money people. We didn't fit that mold... broke, struggling with two small children and one on the way. And now the story really begins. At Easter time we found a basket on our front porch filled with a ham and all sorts of food to make an Easter dinner... from your Messiah family, a kind meaningful gift and there is more. Shortly after our third child was born, Kathy became very ill. We had no doctor and no means, but one church member saw what was happening, a nurse, Sadie Lindholm and she told her doctor (also a church member) about us. Dr. Hammerstrom made a house call and ministered to Kathy, without payment, really saving her life.

Now these were acts of caring love. Messiah was truly our family, our church. And that same call is happening today in so many ways. Over these decades we have tried to give to our family, Messiah, with our finances, time & talent so that the Messiah can continue to do God's work in the world. Messiah is our family, how could we not give? Our story continues...

I am sure each of you may have a story of receiving grace or giving the same. Please, take the time to tell it. Why Messiah, it is your story too!

Quilting

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

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

Marquette

8/21/24 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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

Gwinn

8/14/24 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):

8/14/24 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Gwinn (2nd Tuesday of every month):

8/13/24 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Forsyth Senior Center; 165 N. Maple St

Ishpeming (3rd Tuesday of every month):

8/20/24 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Ishpeming Senior Center; 121 Greenwood St.

Art After Loss – Memorial Stone Painting

We welcome anyone struggling with grief and loss to join us in painting memorial stones. Grief and/or loss can be experienced not only by people who have suffered a loss of a friend or family, but also the loss of independence, a friendship, a job, etc. Expressive art helps you to express feelings and emotions that you can't find the words for. Creating art in any form helps ground you and keeps you focused on the present.

All paint supplies and some stones will be provided, however it is strongly encouraged that you *bring in some rocks which speak to you*. There will be time to complete more than one so having a variety of shapes and sizes will allow

you to explore and create a stone that honors your loss.

- Date: August 13, 2024
- Time: 5:00 pm
- Place: Peter White Public Library Arts & Culture studio (Lower Level) 217 N. Front St, Marquette
- Please RSVP by phone or email at 906.225.7760 or cvoce@lakesuperiorhospice.org

Live & Learn Millcreek – Topic: Funeral Pre-planning Presented by: Jeremy Hansen from Fassbender, Swanson & Hansen Funeral Home
Do you have your funeral pre-planning completed? Help ease your families burden from having to make tough decisions during a time of loss. Join us to learn about the need for pre-planning processes. Financial burial options will also be discussed. There will be time for questions from those who attend also. **Thursday, August 15th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm** Free and open to the public. Millcreek Clubhouse 1728 Windstone Dr, Marquette.

Aging U.P. presents: Exercise Your Brain! We all know that our bodies need physical exercise, but did you know our brains need exercise as well? Licensed speech pathologist Chris Harkness, MS-CCC-SLP will teach you how to focus on strategies that will help strengthen your attention, concentration, decision-making, memory and problem solving. **Monday August 26th, 12:30-1:30 pm** Negaunee Senior citizens center 410 Jackson St, Negaunee. Free & open to the public! RSVPs are welcomed but not required 906-475-6266

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.

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messiahlutheranmqt.org/give

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August 2024 Worship Volunteers

Saturday August 3 - 5:00 pm

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

Sunday August 4 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Harkness
Reader 1 Judy Quirk
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts. 3 Larry Pagel, Judy Quirk, *one needed*
Greeters 2 Tom & Amy Froiland

Sunday August 4 - 10:30 am - Worship at the Beach

Ushers 2 Laurel Kniskern, *one needed*

Saturday August 10 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Communion Asst. 1 Terri Bocklund

Sunday August 11 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Kathy Maynard
Reader 1 Larry Pagel
Ushers 2 Cathy Seblonka, *one needed*
Communion Assts. 3 Beth Krznarich, Larry Pagel, Kathy Maynard
Greeters 2 *two needed*

Sunday August 11 - 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 August 17 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Communion Asst. 1 Karen Kimar-Johnson

Sunday August 18 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Harkness
Reader 1 Louise Reichert
Ushers 2 Cathy Seblonka, *one needed*
Communion Assts. 4 Kathy Maynard, *three needed*
Greeters 2 Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Sunday August 18 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 *one needed*
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts 4 Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman, *two needed*
Greeters 2 *two needed*
Projection Technician 1 *one needed*

Saturday, August 24- 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Communion Asstt 1 Terri Bocklund

Sunday August 25 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Larry Pagel
Reader 1 David Echelbarger
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts 4 Beth Krznarich, *three needed*
Greeters 2 Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Sunday August 25 - 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, August 31- 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Communion Asstt 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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