

# Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Answering God's call to love

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## Messiah ENewsletter for July 31, 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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### Upcoming Events – August

- Aug 3                      Baby shower for Molly and Stephen Luty at 2:00 pm
- Aug 4                      10:30 am Worship is at Clark Lambros Beach
- Aug 6                      Centering Prayer at 11:00 am

Aug 7	Community meal at 6:00 pm
Aug 10	Visitation for Ed Puska at 10:30 am; Funeral Service for Ed Puska at 12:00 pm; followed by Lunch
Aug 13	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
Aug 14	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
Aug 20	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
Aug 27	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
Aug 28	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm

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### **Baby Shower for Molly and Stephen Luty – August 3**

Join us for a baby shower honoring Molly and Stephen on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm here at Messiah (in Magnuson Hall). They are registered at [my.babylist.com/molly-luty](http://my.babylist.com/molly-luty). Please RSVP to Holly at 989.424.1563.

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### **Help Needed for Community Meal – August 7**

We need 2 more volunteers to help serve our community meal and 3-4 volunteers to help with cleaning up. If you can help with either of these, please let the office staff know or put your name on the Community Meal Volunteer Sign Up sheet located on the welcome table. Thanks!

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### **Thank You from NMU**

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!

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### **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](http://www.nglsynod.org). Send resume and cover letter to [ngls@nglsynod.org](mailto:ngls@nglsynod.org) or 1029 N. Third Street, Suite A, Marquette, MI 49855.

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## **Community Meal – August 7**

Join us on Wednesday, August 7 for our community meal. We will have sub sandwiches, homemade potato salad, chips, and dessert. There will be a vegetarian option of a veggie sub and the homemade potato salad. The meal will be served at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

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## **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.

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## **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*

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## **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

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### **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
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### **Quilts on Display**

Some of the quilts made for Lutheran World Relief by our quilters will be on display in the atrium of the Peninsula Medical Center at 1414 W. Fair Ave. They will be there on display during the month of August. So, if you happen to be in the Medical Center in August, take a minute to stop and admire the beautiful quilts from Messiah.

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### **Help Needed at WELCA Fall Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp**

The Women of the ELCA Northern Great Lakes Synod will be holding its fall retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp on Sept. 21 & 22. 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.

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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:

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

\***September** – *Feminine pads & tampons*

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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**

July 31	Devin Fortin, Ron Strazzinski
Aug 1	Jamie Dodge, Tyson Luoma
Aug 2	Fiona Fitzpatrick, Emma LeDuc, Kirsten Matthews, Dick Oslund
Aug 3	Mary Duranceau
Aug 4	John Broadway, Holly Muscoe, Susanne Smith
Aug 5	Cameron Contois
Aug 6	Jayne Bell, Lawrence Brunton, Jill Luoma, Kenneth Skytta
Aug 7	Renee Jewett
Aug 8	Dick Goodney

Aug 9 Allyson Anderson, Karen Burkman, Michael Campana, Ruth Robb  
Aug 10 Jan Brown, Peter Claybaker, Adrienne Wold  
Aug 11 Jeremy Braund, Landric Braund, Ann Johnson  
Aug 12 No birthdays  
Aug 13 Daphne Greenwood, Justin Wild  
Aug 14 Sara Morrison

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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**

Larry Brunton; Charlie Blake; Carol Bell; Dorothy; Lillian Tuimala; Lynne Robertson; Jan Brown; Fred Maynard; Betsy; Karen; John & Rose Collins; Rick Castillo; 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; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Tina; Williamson family; Wayne Hanmer; Sierra; Charlene Avery

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### **Pastor on Call:**

Pastor Andrew is on call July 31, August 4-7

Pastor Molly is on call August 1-3

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### **Worship Volunteers**

#### **Saturday, August 3 -- 5:00 pm in atrium**

Assisting Minister: Carol Bell

Communion Assistant: Barb Salmela

Provide Refreshments: Kathy Godec

#### **Sunday, August 4 -- 8:30 am in sanctuary, on 101.9 FM, Vimeo/Facebook**

Assisting Minister: Chris Harkness  
Reader: Judy Quirk  
Ushers: Anne Rydholm, Cathy Seblonka  
Communion Assistants: Larry Pagel, Judy Quirk, **need one more volunteer**  
Greeters: Tom and Amy Froiland

Nursery: Jamie Dodge  
Provide Refreshments: Nancy Raisanen

### **Sunday, August 4 – 10:30 am at Clark Lambros Beach**

Ushers: Lauren Kniskern, **need one more volunteer**

Flower Delivery: Jan Julian

## **Announcements and Classified Ads**

### **Marquette City Band – Summer Concerts**

As part of their Summer Concert series, there are two concerts in August by the Marquette City Band: “Popular Then and Now” is on Thursday, August 1 at 7:30 pm at Presque Isle Park; and “Encore Performances” is on Thursday, August 8 at 7:30 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](https://facebook.com/mqtcityband) or [marquettecityband.com](http://marquettecityband.com).

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### **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
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**Fundraiser Recital at Messiah – August 20**

A quintet of musicians from the Marquette Symphony Orchestra will be performing Schubert's string quintet in C major at Messiah Lutheran on Tuesday August 20 at 7:00 pm. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to help provide scholarships for music camps and private lessons for students in the Marquette school orchestra program. The quintet includes Janis Peterson and Jaymes Winn, violins; Elena Henry, viola; and Andrew LaCombe and Inga Banitt, cellos. We hope to see you there!

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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**

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

7/17/24 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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

Gwinn

7/10/24 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):

7/10/24 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Gwinn (2nd Tuesday of every month):

July meeting is CANCELED

Forsyth Senior Center; 165 N. Maple St

Ishpeming (3rd Tuesday of every month):

7/16/24 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Ishpeming Senior Center; 121 Greenwood St.

Aging U P Presentation

Do you ever walk into the kitchen and forget the reason why you went in there in the first place? These types of incidents can be written off by the aging population as “Senior Moments”. Are senior moments a normal part of aging? Learn more about the benefits of positive attitudes toward aging. Part 2 of this presentation will be on Monday, July 29 from 12:30 pm -1:30 pm at the Negaunee Senior Citizens Center, 410 Jackson Street in Negaunee. 906 475-6266 RSVPs are appreciated but not required.

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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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**Messiah Contact Information**

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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