

# Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Answering God's call to love

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## Messiah ENewsletter for October 16, 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 – October

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| Oct 17 | Bible Study at 10:30 am                           |
| Oct 17 | Interfaith Water Stewards Presentation at 7:00 pm |
| Oct 18 | Senior Men's Bible Study at 9:00 am               |

Oct 19	LWR Ingathering at Messiah at 10:00 am
Oct 19	Congregational Resource Fair at Bethel, Ishpeming
Oct 19/20	Commitment Weekend
Oct 22	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
Oct 22	OWLs Pumpkin Carving at 2:00 pm
Oct 23	Election Season Conversation at 6:30 pm
Oct 24	Bible Study at 10:30 am
Oct 25	Senior Men's Bible Study at 9:00 am
Oct 27	Confirmation Sunday
Oct 29	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
Oct 31	Bible Study at 10:30 am

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### **10:30 Thursday Bible Study**

The Thursday morning Bible study meets for an hour in Room 202 at 10:30. The group usually works through about three chapters of the Bible every week, in a lively discussion with lots of questions—and sometimes even some answers! Right now we're in the story of king David, who rose to power as a heroic warlord, then brought it down in rebellion by betraying people who trusted him. Next comes Solomon, for whom the Bible gives evidence leading in at least two directions. Was he a wise and holy king, giving justice and building the Temple? Or was he also a crafty tyrant, raising Israel to the peak of its power and wealth at the cost of enslaving the people and bringing the nation to the brink of collapse?

The Bible does not hand us superficial answers to questions like this. It's a book about real people, complete with both heroism and deadly flaws. Would you like to join us on Thursday mornings?

Allan E. Johnson

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### **Senior Men's Ministry**

Messiah's Senior Men's Bible Study has started for the academic year. They meet every Friday morning at 9:00 am in room #202. Please join them on Friday morning!

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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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## **Jam News**

Most of your favorite varieties are still on the shelves. Now is the time to buy your gifts for the holidays. A great way to support your church's ministry. Thank you.

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## **Centering Prayer - every Tuesday from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

It's consenting to God's Presence & action within. In other words, becoming a mystic.

"The word mystic may mislead or intimidate some people—the prestige accorded to it has traditionally been so exalted that they feel such heightened perception and joy belong to and are attainable by only a few chosen human beings. This is far from the case. Mystical experience is always available—like the divine grace it is—to any who really wants it; all human beings are given in the course of their lives glimpses into the heart of the real which they are free to pursue or forget.

When we are touched by mystic grace and allow ourselves to enter its field without fear, we see that we are all parts of a whole, elements of an universal harmony, unique, essential and sacred notes in a divine music that everyone and everything is playing together with us in God and for God. And if we work patiently with what we come to know, through prayer and meditation and loving service to other beings, we will, all the traditions promise, come to understand what Christ meant when he said, 'The Kingdom of heaven is within you.'

"The Essential Mystics" by Andrew Harvey

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## **Mitten Box**

It is October and it is time to think about helping to keep others warm this winter. Thankfully, we have an abundance of donated yarn (under the table in the atrium) we can use to make warm accessories for the upcoming winter. So, let's grab our needles, grab a warm beverage and cozy up for some knitting or crocheting. Purchased items are always appreciated too. Our community in need is always thankful for your generosity. The collection box will be in the atrium in October and distribution of the items is the first week of December. Thank you!

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## **Congregational Resource Fair – October 19**

**Saturday October 19** - Bethel Lutheran, Ishpeming 333 East Ridge St.

906-485-5533

Register by October 1 at [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org) or send your check payable to the NGLS to 1029 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Suite A, Marquette, MI 49855.

### **SCHEDULE – All Times Local**

9:30am	Coffee and Registration
10am	<i>All Creation Sings</i> Workshop, Faithful Finances Workshop & Lay Preaching Workshop
11:30am	Festival Worship
12noon	Lunch
1pm – 3pm	Resource Fair & Workshops

Afternoon workshops include Generosity, Prayer, Walking with our Indigenous Neighbors, Protecting water, Preaching and more!

**COST: \$25** - Includes Lunch, All Workshops, and a copy of *All Creation Sings*

This event made possible by a generous grant from the NGLS *Equipping the Saints* Endowment Fund.

***If you are interested in offering a workshop, please contact Bishop Finegan at the Synod office (906)228-2300.***

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## **A Community Presentation from the Interfaith Water Stewards – Oct. 17**

2024-25 Initiative ~ Pristine Water? A reality check

This event will be held in Messiah Lutheran Church's sanctuary from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Thursday, October 17th. The guest speaker is Chuck Thomas, Geologist and former U.P. Supervisor for the State of Michigan's Public Water Supply Resources. With musician/songwriter Michael Waite. This event is coordinated by the Cedar Tree Institute. Donations invited. Copies of "The Gift of Water" will be available for purchase.

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## **Messiah's LWR InGathering - October 19**

We will be holding our annual Lutheran World Relief InGathering on Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. If you can help with moving boxes, please sign up at the welcome table or call the office.

Any other churches in our conference, conference 8, are welcome to bring their boxes of quilts &/or kits to us on this day/time. The semi-truck that picks up from Messiah in Marquette will go on to Pelkie (Mission United Lutheran Church at 16463 Pelkie Rd.) for a pickup of quilts & kits from the copper country. The pickup time in Pelkie for quilts & kits is from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

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### **OWLs October 22 Event - Pumpkin Carving!**

The OWLs are planning a pumpkin carving/decorating event. It will take place on Tues., Oct. 22 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in Magnuson Hall. Bring Your Own Pumpkin along with some fun ideas! There will be some treats, too! Put this on your calendar!

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### **What Does Your Soul Need in this Election Season? – October 23**

*Wednesday October 23rd, 6:30 pm in the Atrium*

We will be offering a space to share the burdens and anxieties of the election season. Simply speaking these concerns aloud—and perhaps hearing others speak of similar concerns—reduces our isolation and helps us be community for one another.

This gathering will be a space that Pr. Andrew will moderate, and each person may speak about their own concerns, as they desire. There will be an expectation of “I” language, and no one is expected to speak if they don’t want to. Every person’s statement belongs to them and does not require a response from anyone else. People may say things that you disagree with, but the goal of this session is not to convince others of our ideas but instead to listen to what is happening in our souls and discern the movement of God among us. We will practice deep listening and being present to one another in this challenging season.

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### **Day of Renewal – Women of the ELCA – October 27**

Dear Sisters in Christ – Our Fall Cluster 8 program and meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at Bethel Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, MI. Registration is at 3:00 pm with the program and business meeting beginning at 3:30 pm. At the completion of the business meeting, there will be a taco bar. The cost is \$5.00, payable upon registration; please make checks payable to NGLSWO. The program will be about Fortune Lake and its ministries. We

will be supporting Fortune Lake with our donations. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the registration form on the Welcome Table by Monday, October 21.

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

The OWLS are walking at Mattson Park in the lower harbor on Mondays at 10am. They meet by the bathrooms there. You can walk at your own pace. After walking the group goes to Provisions to continue visiting. If you cannot walk just come for coffee/tea. When raining, they meet at the dome. 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:

\***October** – *Hand Sanitizer & Toilet Paper packs (4 or 6 rolls/pack)*

\***November** – *Toothbrushes, (child/adult), Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Denture Cleaner*

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### **Global Fair-Trade Market – November 23-24**

This year's Global Fair-Trade Market will be on Saturday, November 23rd and Sunday, November 24th. On Saturday it will be open to the public and the hours are 10 AM - 4 PM. On Sunday it will be open before and after the worship services. We will be selling a variety of fair-trade items, including home goods, Christmas gifts and decorations, jewelry, kitchen items, and much more from all over the world. For more information, please visit Messiah's Facebook event page. If you have questions, email Rachel Skaw at [rachel.skaw@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.skaw@gmail.com). Please mark your calendars and share with others in our church and the community!

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### **Bake Sale at Global Fair-Trade Market – November 23-24**

This year's Fair-Trade Market will include a bake sale. Please donate your wrapped home-baked goods to the church office. Drop-off times are Thursday, November 21st from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Friday, November 22nd from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Please provide a label to identify your item and an ingredient list. This allows us to separate gluten-free and vegan items and provides allergen information for our customers. Happy baking!!!

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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**

Oct 16 No birthdays  
Oct 17 Dawn McAuliffe, Cathy Winkler  
Oct 18 No birthdays  
Oct 19 Jaime Aho, Philip Andersen  
Oct 20 Maija Maki-Warne, Diana Peterson  
Oct 21 Deb Abraham, Cecelia Fuller, Cindy Kotila, Todd Leigh, Joe MacPhee, Barb  
Maszlewski, Cheryl Mayer, Joan Myefski, Ron Tervo  
Oct 22 Bob Groleau, Sandy MacPhee  
Oct 23 Anna Wild  
Oct 24 Linda Winslow  
Oct 25 Aubrey Muscoe  
Oct 26 Sabrina Taube  
Oct 27 Jamie Beauchaine, James Lahti  
Oct 28 No birthdays  
Oct 29 Jon Ruuska, Mya Skaw  
Oct 30 Michelle Sellers

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## **In the Hospital**

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pr. Andrew Plocher 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**

Owen; Sally Olson; Karl Kaukola; David Raikko; Larry Brunton; Charlie Blake; Carol Bell; Dorothy; Lillian Tuimala; Lynne Robertson; Jan Brown; Betsy; Karen; John & Rose Collins; Rick Castillo; Ruth Koehler; Don Hillegas; Grant; Kai Dolan; Samantha; Phyllis Champion; Ted; Bruce Lindberg; Grace Chien; Jamie; Jon Kamps; Donna; Brian; Ben; Sandy Grenke; 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 October 16-23

Pastor Molly is on sabbatical now – December 1.

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## **Worship Volunteers**

### **Saturday, October 19 -- 5:00 pm in atrium**

Assisting Minister: Chris Kotila

Communion Assistant Ron Tervo

Provide Refreshments: **Need a volunteer.**

### **Sunday, October 20 -- 8:30 am in sanctuary, on 101.9 FM, Vimeo/Facebook**

Assisting Minister: Chris Harkness

Reader: Louise Reichert

Ushers: Sten Taube, Cathy Seblonka

Communion Assistants: Beth Krznarich, Kathy Maynard, Grant Soltwisch, **need one more volunteer.**

Greeters Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Nursery: Maddie Dykema

Provide Refreshments: Carol Ontto

### **Sunday, October 20-- 10:30 am in sanctuary, on Vimeo/Facebook**

Assisting Minister Josh MacIvor-Andersen

Reader: Nancy Hamlin

Ushers: Fred and Jeanne Groos

Communion Assistants: Mike and Joan Hill, Gayle Mack, Emma Ziegler

Greeters: Linda Carlson, Marina Shinkarenko,

Projection Technician Lesley Williams

Nursery: Maddie Dykema

Flower Delivery Shari Brugman

## **Announcements and Classified Ads**



## **Need a Ride to the Voting Booth?**

If you need a ride to the voting booth, please contact Laura Petrie. If you need her phone number, please contact Messiah's office. Thank you.

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## **Fall Craft Bazaar and Luncheon – October 26**

The First Presbyterian Church (120 N Front St in Marquette) will have a fall craft bazaar and luncheon on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. It will feature local crafters, church craft items, baked goods, and a luncheon. The luncheon will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. and it is open to the public. There is no charge for the luncheon, but donations are accepted.

If you are interested in being a vendor at this event, please contact the First Presbyterian Church at [fpcmqtbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmqtbazaar@gmail.com) or 906 249-9111

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## **Presentation—The U.S. Indian Boarding School Era and the Role of the Christian Church – October 27**

National Boarding School Remembrance Day is September 30, Indigenous People's Day is October 13, and Native American Awareness Month comes in November! Autumn is many things: among them, it extends an opportunity to learn more about the history and experience of our indigenous neighbors here in Upper Michigan and beyond.

One of the darkest chapters in that history involves Indian Boarding Schools, funded by the federal government, and often operated by Christian Churches. Between the early 1880's until about 1930 and in some cases, much longer than that, these schools operated on the premise that Native Americans should be assimilated into the dominant culture, as a kind of servant class. Children were removed from their homes and brought to these facilities, often far away from home. Their hair was cut, they were forbidden to use their language or follow the ceremonial and religious customs practiced by their families. They were force-fed Christianity, with the expectation that they convert to the faith practiced by white America. Instances of abuse were widespread. Many children died of tuberculosis and other diseases—and were buried in secret locations without their parents even being informed. Several of these boarding schools were located in Upper Michigan, northern Wisconsin, and northern lower Michigan. One of the predecessor churches of the ELCA operated the Bethany Indian Mission school near Wittenberg, Wisconsin.

The impact on the native community has been tragic and has persisted over several generations. Native people struggle to recover their identity and culture. Even though some Christian missionaries may have meant well, the good news of Jesus Christ was not experienced as such by the indigenous community. What responsibility for all this do we bear as non-native Lutherans living in the here and now? What can we do to support our indigenous neighbors in their quest for healing? What does it mean to be a witness to Jesus Christ in our relationships with Indian people?

On Sunday evening, October 27, there will be a special presentation at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Negaunee, beginning at 4 PM EDT. Pastor Dave Van Kley, Pastor Bucky Beach, and Rich Reitz, of the ELCA's Truth and Healing Initiative will be the presenters. Come to learn, discuss, and begin to chart a new path of relationship with our indigenous neighbors. The presentation will be followed by a potluck dinner at 5 PM, with worship at 6 PM, using the liturgy prepared for Native American Awareness during that worship service.

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## **Marquette Symphony Orchestra – 2024-2025 Season**

The Marquette Symphony Orchestra has announced its concert schedule for the 2024-2025 season. Octavio Mas-Arocas, Music Director

Saturday, December 14, 2024 – 7:30 pm – Kaufman Auditorium

Sounds of the Holidays

Erin Colwitz & Matt Ludwig, Guest Conductors

Saturday, January 18, 2025 – 4:00 pm – Kaufman Auditorium

Symphonic Broadway

with Kristen & Jimmy Ludwig

Saturday, March 1, 2025 – 7:30 pm – Kaufman Auditorium

Masterworks: Schumann Piano Concerto & Brahms

Piano Concerto in A minor – R. Schumann

with 2024 Youth Concerto Winner Hyerim Lee, piano

Symphony No. 2 – Johannes Brahms

Saturday, April 12, 2025 – 7:30 pm – Kaufman Auditorium

Festive Folk with the Knockabouts

-Festive Overture – D. Shostakovich

-Symphony No. 2 – P.L. Tchaikovsky

Season and individual tickets are on sale now at NMU Ticket Outlets.  
nmu.universitickets.com or 907 227-1032 or In-person at the Berry Events Center.

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### **Auditions for Christmas Musical – October 28-29**

LoveMarq Church will be holding auditions for a Christmas musical called Two from Galilee on October 28 and 29 starting at 6:30pm. Show dates are December 20 and 21. For more information, contact Leslie Parkkonen at [lsolid@yahoo.com](mailto:lsolid@yahoo.com) or 906-250-8837.

***Two from Galilee*** is built on the love story of Mary and Joseph and how God encounters people in their lives. Considered the "next step" in musicals for the church, this full-length production brings the powerful and majestic sounds of the popular stage musical to the church setting.

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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.

#### **Marquette**

10/16/24 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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

**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):**

11/13/24 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

#### **Telephone Based: (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month)**

11/19/24 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Call 906-485-5527 to register.

Landline or Cell phone required to participate.

### **Grief Support Group**

For those who are currently caring for a loved one with a life-limiting diagnosis or have recently experienced the loss of a loved one. The group is open to everyone in the community and is a safe place for people to explore and understand the grieving process. The free program is sponsored by the U.P. Hospice Foundation. For more information, contact U.P. Home Health & Hospice at 906 225-4545.

The West End Group will meet at the Negaunee Senior Center from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm on October 8 & 22, November 5 & 9, and December 3 & 17.

The Marquette Group will meet in the Dandelion Cottage Room at the Peter White Public Library from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on October 10 & 24, November 7 & 21, and December 5 & 19.

### **Connected at Home -Book Club, Coffee & Conversations, & Support group options**

Do you know seniors who would benefit from socialization but aren't able to leave their home or lack the ability to use zoom? We understand that some seniors are homebound due to lack of transportation, mobility issues, or being a caregiver for a loved one. There are 3 different programs one can sign up for. All that is required is a phone number and registration. Call the Ishpeming senior center to register at 906.485.5527.

### **A Matter of Balance**

This class will be taking place in Marquette starting next month! **11/5-12/17 from 12-2 PM at the Marquette Senior Center.** This class is for anyone age 60 and older who has either experienced a fall and/or restricts their activities related to a fear of falls. This class is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. There is a registration questionnaire which can be picked up at our office or at the Marquette senior center. There is a maximum of 12 participants for this class.

### **Live & Learn Millcreek – Topic: Learn what the Marquette Senior Center**

**can provide for you or a loved one** Join Maureen McFadden, Center Director to learn more about all the amazing programs and events that are taking place at the senior center. This is a great presentation for those who are looking for local resources for themselves or for a family member or friend. 10/17/24 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Millcreek Clubhouse 1728 Windstone Dr., Marquette.

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers Virtual** – This 6-week workshop is designed for the non-professional, informal caregiver and will help you take care of yourself while caring for a parent, spouse, or friend at home, in a nursing home, or across the country. There is no charge for this online workshop. Participants must have a device with internet connection, webcam, microphone, and email address to attend. Class materials are provided. Please call 2-1-1 for assistance with registering. Class starts October 9th – November 13th from 11-12:30 p.m.

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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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Website: <https://www.messiahlutheranmqt.org/>

### **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