

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for October 23, 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 today at Brookridge Heights for worship at 1:30 pm. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events – October/November

Oct 23 Brookridge Worship at 1:30 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
Nov 1	Senior Men's Bible Study at 9:00 am
Nov 5	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
Nov 6	Community Meal at 6:00 pm
Nov 7	Bible Study at 10:30 am
Nov 8	Senior Men's Bible Study at 9:00 am

Wear Red to Worship This Weekend

This weekend we are celebrating the festival of the Reformation. The clergy wear RED vestments to signify the work of the Spirit. It is also a custom in many churches for the people in the congregation to wear RED for Reformation as well. We invite you to wear RED to worship this weekend to remind us of the fire of the Spirit.

Help Needed – November Community Meal

We still need volunteers to help with our community meal on Wednesday, November 6. We need two more volunteers to serve the meal and 2 more volunteers to help with cleaning up. If you wish to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table. Thanks.

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

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!

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.

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.

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

Mitten Box

It is time to think about helping to keep others warm this in this winter season. 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 is in the atrium & distribution of the items is the first week of December. Thank you!

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.

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.

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*

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. Please mark your calendars and share with others in our church and the community!

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!!!

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

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
Oct 31	Karen Kimar-Johnson
Nov 1	Valerie Dragon, Etta Jo Lafayette
Nov 2	Marilyn Andersen

Nov 3 David Nocerini, Diane Skewis
Nov 4 John White
Nov 5 Sherry Labbe, Leslie White
Nov 6 Jane Kamps

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.

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

Pastor on Call:

Pastor Andrew is on call October 23-30
Pastor Molly is on sabbatical through December 1.

Worship Volunteers

Saturday, October 26 -- 5:00 pm in atrium

Assisting Minister: Carol Bell
Communion Assistant Barb Salmela

Provide Refreshments: Shari Brugman

Sunday, October 27 -- 8:30 am in sanctuary, on 101.9 FM, Vimeo/Facebook

Assisting Minister: Kathy Maynard
Reader: Judy Quirk
Ushers: Anne Rydholm, Mike Coyne

Communion Assistants: Judy Quirk, Larry Pagel, Terry Langenberg, Kathy Maynard
Greeters Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Nursery: Jamie Dodge

Provide Refreshments: Penny Streeter and Sherry Labbe

Sunday, October 27-- 10:30 am in sanctuary, on Vimeo/Facebook

Assisting Minister Mike Hill

Reader: Josh MacIvor-Andersen

Ushers: Bev Evans, Jill Luoma

Communion Assistants: Sandy Lindberg, Gayle Mack, Bronce Reece, Mike Hill

Greeters: Marina Shinkarenko, **one more needed**

Projection Technician Kathy Godec

Nursery: Jamie Dodge

Flower Delivery Lois Raikko

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.

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 or 906 249-9111

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 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.

Holiday Meals for the Elderly

Do you know of someone in the greater Marquette area 60 years or older who will not have access to traditional Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner?

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly's year-round mission is to reach out in friendship to our isolated and lonely elderly neighbors. The holidays are a time when we pull out all the stops.

Elderly folks are invited to dine-in at the LBFE meal site, Marquette Elks Lodge #405, 127 N. Front Street. Transportation will be provided. Our dine-in guests are treated to a family style atmosphere incomplete with musical entertainment.

We also provide a traditional meal with dessert, and a friendship flower, that's then packaged in a bag exclusively designed by our youngest volunteers for delivery. The person knocking on their door turns this activity from a delivery into a friendship visit on this special day.

The number of meals available is limited and you must make a reservation for dine-in or delivery by Nov. 14 and Dec. 16.

Deliveries are 12:00-1:30 pm and dine-in is at 1:00 pm on each holiday. Due to the generosity of our community and volunteers, there is no cost.

Do you know someone who we should invite? Would you like to volunteer? Let's hear from you.

Contact Leslie Bek or Danielle Berg at 906-273-2575. More information about LBFE visit lbfemichigan.org.

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.universitytickets.com or 907 227-1032 or In-person at the Berry Events Center.

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 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.

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

11/20/24 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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

Gwinn

11/13/24 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Forsyth Senior Center 165 N Maple St in 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):

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

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

Telephone Based: (3rd 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.

Live & Learn Millcreek – Topic: Memory Journaling - Have you ever thought about the legacy you will leave behind? Join us as we capture memories and share in journal form the experiences of our lives and how it has shaped us and made us who we are. Our reflections and memories in writing can be a gift for those we love and for future generations. This can also help us find meaning in the life we have led. Journal materials will be provided. Free & open to the public. 11/21/24 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Millcreek Clubhouse 1728 Windstone Dr, Marquette.

Aging U.P. Part 3 – Exercise your brain! 11/6/24 from 1-2 PM at the

Marquette Senior Center. We all know that our bodies need physical exercise, but did you know our brains need exercise as well? You will learn now to focus on strategies that will help strengthen your attention, concentration, decision-making, memory and problem solving. Presented by speech language pathologist Chris Harkness. Call (906) 228-0456 to make an appointment for a cognitive assessment or to RSVP for the presentation (not required).

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

Do you have concerns about falling and/or restricting your activities due to those fears? This free 8-week program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Call 906.228.0456 to register! 11/5 – 12/17 from 12-2 PM at the Marquette Senior Center. Registration is limited to 12.

Art After Loss – Creating memory boxes 11/13/24 5-7 PM at the Peter White

Public Library. A memory box is a time capsule that connects an individual with the past through items that the box contains. These boxes can be created for yourself or for a loved one. Please bring a box of your choice along with special fabrics, photos, jewelry, etc. to decorate the box with. Art supplies will be provided. Please RSVP to 906.225.7760 or cvoce@lakesuperiorhospice.org. Free and open to the public!

Advance Directive Lunch & Learn 11/14/24 12-2 PM

An important step in planning for the future, no matter what your age is completing an advanced directive. This is a legal document that outlines a person's preferences or medical care and who should make decisions for them if they are unable to communicate their wishes. Please RSVP to this informative and interactive lunch and learn. A virtual option will also be available if you cannot attend in person. Please call 906.225.7760 to RSVP. Presented by Jamie Barbieri, RN Outreach Coordinator and Wendy Prevost, LMSW.

Connected at Home – Are you looking for ways to socialize without leaving the comfort of your home? All you need is a phone number to participate! Choose whichever group that you are interested in and call to register! Groups that are offered – Caregiver support group: every 3rd Tuesday of the month 2-3 PM, Book Club: Every first Monday 11-12PM hosted by Ishpeming Library, & Coffee & Conversations: Every Wednesday 1-2 PM Topics vary. Please call the Ishpeming Senior Center to register at 906.485.5527.

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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Bell Choir Director - Judy Quirk

Organist/Pianist - Kathy Strazzinski

Pianist – Jacob Schmeltzer & Jocelyn Basse