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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

(with Nursery)

Sunday 10:30 am

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December 22, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

Flowers: To the Glory of God...

* from Bill Maki

Radio: To the Glory of God...

* from Barb Bergstrom

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

* the faithfulness of my grandmothers, Pearl Rister Ramsey and Alvida Peterson Wegmet from Laurel Kniskern

Greetings and Happy New Year!

During my sabbatical and before I traveled to Scotland in October, I began reading about Celtic Christianity and felt called to the stories of St. Brigid. Historically, little is truly known about her, if we are seeking facts. Yet, she was an early Christian woman, her parents were probably Druid and Christian, stories are told about how her mother birthed her in the doorway, and legend says she was raised on the island of Iona, Scotland by the Druids. The stories of her life are fanciful at times and often mythic, yet they tell something deeply important about our human desire to connect with God. At her roots, Brigid was seen as the connection between two worlds: the old world of the druids, a people who worshipped the natural world, and the Christians who brought stories of Jesus to the pagan Celtic people. The Celtic Christians seamlessly wove together the old ways of care and reverence for the earth with the new stories of Christianity. Just as Brigid's mother gave birth to her in the doorway, a liminal space, Brigid represents this bridge between worlds with a Druid father and a Christian mother. For Christian people who still hold their Celtic roots close, a deep care for the earth and a witnessing to God's presence in every living thing becomes encapsulated in being of St. Brigid.

While I was in Scotland, I found out I was pregnant! We are due in June, so everything was very new during my time there in October. I felt pregnant because I was tired and nauseous, but something about being pregnant also felt surreal- not quite real. And so, I was looking for meaning. It was during this time that I learned other stories of Brigid. There is this beautiful image of her in the National Galleries of Scotland where a young Brigid is being flown from the island of Iona by two angels. They are carrying her to Palestine where myth says she was a midwife at the birth of Jesus. Obviously, Brigid was not alive at the time of Jesus, but this legend proclaims that she brought him into the world. Again, Brigid acts as a bridge, this time ferrying new life

from heaven into our world in the form of Jesus. As I looked upon this image of Brigid and thought about the love and care surrounding Jesus at his birth, I felt comforted. I needed a reminder of God's power to bring new life into the world and to connect heaven with earth. While I was searching for meaning in sabbatical and the experience of being newly pregnant, the stories of Brigid reminded me that God provides people and stories of what we need when we need it most.

As we move from Advent and Christmas into the new year, we venture into a liminal space carrying all of our experiences from last year and brimming with the hopes of a new year to come. We may find ourselves hoping for a bridge like Brigid to help ferry us from one to the next, but I know we will need God's wisdom to consider how the two connect: what of the old do we bring forward, how do we embrace the new, what changes, what stays the same? I hope that one of these stories of Brigid can offer some insight into this season and that you remember God's provision of what we need when you need it most.

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Molly

Community Meal

Our next community meal will be Wednesday, February 5th at 6:00 pm. There will not be a meal in January.

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* Dave Van Kley and family upon the passing of his mother in early December.

Congratulations to:

* Penny Streeter & family upon the birth of her first great-grandchild, Sarah Antoinette. Sarah was born on December 7th and is the daughter of Penny's grandson, Logan & his wife.

* Darren (10:30 am guitarist) & Laurie Smith on their newest grandchild who was born on 12/16/24. Mom and baby are doing well.

Christmas Eve Worship

Please join us for worship on Christmas Eve!

4:00 pm—Family friendly service (childcare available)

7:30 pm—Traditional service (childcare available) with a half hour of prelude music starting at 7:00 pm, this service will also be broadcast on the radio and livestreamed

10:00 pm—a service of Carols (no childcare available) with a half hour of prelude music starting at 9:30 pm, this service will also be broadcast on the radio and livestreamed

Messiah Calendar

Monday, December 23

7:00 am AA
10:00 am OWLs Walk
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm 11-Step Centering Prayer
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday, December 24

office will close at 12:30 pm
11:00 am Centering Prayer
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
7:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 25

church officed closed
7:00 am NA

Thursday, December 26

7:00 am AA

Friday, December 27

nothing scheduled today

Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am Worship-Traditional
10:30 am Worship-Contemporary

Quilting

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

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 away on vacation December 28 - January 10.

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: January 12-15, 19-22, 26-29
Pr. Molly Hunter: January 1-11, 16-18, 23-25, 30-31

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our February newsletter is **Monday, January 20, 2025.**

Messiah's Newsletter

December 22, 2024
Volume 107, Issue 1

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

Budget & Giving Update

As the year wraps up, we wanted to reach out and give another year-to-date budget update. The final numbers will be available for our Annual Meeting (February 2nd), but here is where we stand as of the end of November.

*Income through November: \$76,841 under budget (that is up \$16,972)

*Underspending budgeted expenses through November: -\$48,860

*Current deficit through November: \$27,981 (income deficit minus under-spending).

*To meet our 2024 budget, Messiah needs an average monthly giving income of ~\$50,000.

As we look toward 2025, we give thanks for your generosity and for your assistance in planning for the New Year. If you haven't yet submitted a 2025 Plan for Giving and can do so, we welcome your participation. This helps our Finance Committee and Council steward resources wisely. Forms are available on the Welcome Table or online at <https://bit.ly/2025planforgiving>.

Together, we are building a stronger, more compassionate faith community. Your gifts of money, time, and talent make it possible to do what we do & to dream about what is next.

Thank you for your continued generosity! - *Messiah's Finance Committee*

Lenten Planning Team

Pr. Molly and Pr. Andrew are continuing a vision for a new style of task force that will be helping to plan a season of the church year. During Advent, the classes, theme, and elements of worship were all thoughtfully chosen by our third seasonal planning task force. The task force's role is to give input on themes, music and decoration for worship, what should be done for adult and youth education, family events, outreach to the community and anything else that you would like to see happen during that season. You will not be fully responsible for making events and programs happen, we mostly crave your input and then will ask a wider range of volunteers. We hope that this will expand what we are doing and bring the community into our planning process. We want to know what you desire and how we can bring that to fruition throughout the seasons of the church. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact either the church office or Pr. Molly by **January 15th.**

Our first meeting will be on Monday, January 27th at 5:00 pm. The commitment to this team is generally 3-4 meetings and typically ends once the season begins (March 5th).

Messiah's Birthdays

January 2025

Wednesday 1 No birthdays
 Thursday 2 Daphne Evans
 Friday 3 Laurel Reece
 Saturday 4 No birthdays
 Sunday 5 Pam Forsberg
 Monday 6 Kathy Godec, Luke Rector
 Tuesday 7 No birthdays
 Wednesday 8 Anne Engman
 Thursday 9 No birthdays
 Friday 10 Dave Blomquist, Sherry Johnson, Luke Stevens, Tom Wagner
 Saturday 11 No birthdays
 Sunday 12 No birthdays
 Monday 13 Bob Cambensy, Kaitlin Sellers
 Tuesday 14 No birthdays
 Wednesday 15 Hal Martin, Anne Rydholm
 Thursday 16 Bev Evans
 Friday 17 Inga Banitt
 Saturday 18 Valerie Jewett
 Sunday 19 Lucy Contois, Mae DeSonia, Bill Maki
 Monday 20 Tanner Delpier, Gayle Van Osdol
 Tuesday 21 No birthdays
 Wednesday 22 Amy Froiland, Minna Salmela
 Thursday 23 No birthdays
 Friday 24 No birthdays
 Saturday 25 Laura Slavsky
 Sunday 26 Rose Collins

Monday 27 Terri Bocklund, Amie Evans
 Tuesday 28 Nina Nelson, Scott Vanlerberghe
 Wednesday 29 No birthdays
 Thursday 30 Ruth Hill, Lesley Williams
 Friday 31 No birthdays

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to the following couples in December:

Angie & Candace LeDuc	January 1
Sally McQueen & her husband	January 2
Justin & Anna Wild	January 2
Craig & Shirley Teed	January 6
Ron & Jane Brow	January 21

Upcoming Events

Jan 1 Church office closed - New Year's Day!
 Jan 8 Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
 Jan 12 Team/Committee articles for annual report due to Jen Dodge
 Jan 12 Confirmation/High School Youth event at Bethany Lutheran in Ishpeming from 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 Jan 20 Church office closed - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
 Jan 22 Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
 Feb 2 Annual meeting & pot-luck luncheon following 10:30 am worship in Magnuson Hall

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. Questions? Please call Betsy at 906-345-9237.

Council Highlights from November 2024

Messiah's Council met on November 25, 2024 and had initial discussions about the 2025 budget, discussed ongoing projects such as the handicapped door by the office and A/V upgrades throughout the building (a new sound system in Magnuson Hall, the completion of the sanctuary work, etc.) as well as space use regarding Gretchen's House & the Fourth Street house. Additionally, Council set the Annual Meeting date on February 2, 2025. Please remember that all Council meetings are open to the congregation! If you'd like to learn about Council, please don't hesitate to contact Terry Langenberg (Council President) or Pr. Andrew or to join us at a meeting.

Centering Prayer

Do you know the meaning of life? Have you accepted the fact that as hard as we work to have a "good" life, it all ends anyway? So, what is the point?

Jesus taught us that the point is to accept God's Love for ourselves, so that we are able to share that love with the world. How do we do that? Jesus modeled for us how to do that. He regularly went to God, Whom Jesus identified as a loving Abba, and listened. Centering prayer is that kind of approach to God. We humbly acknowledge our ignorance and consent to God's Presence and action within. What we receive is unconditional love and grace, and answers to the questions we didn't know we had. Regular meditation practice opens the mind to new perception and brings the Advocate online to help us through our day-to-day lives.

We may miss the answer to our prayers because we have something specific in mind, when the answer is something more than we can imagine. Centering prayer opens our minds to what we don't know. It is also of benefit to practice with others. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. Matthew 18:20

We meet each Tuesday at Messiah from 11-12 noon. You don't have to commit to regular attendance and you don't need to have ever tried meditation or centering prayer. The practice is simple:

Choose a sacred word as a symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.

Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word.

When engaged with thoughts*, return ever-so-gently to the sacred word.

At the end of the prayer period (typically twenty minutes) remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

*Thoughts include body sensations, feelings, images and reflections.

Additional opportunities to join others in meditation practice:

1. Tuesdays: Weekly Drop-In Meditation is held in the Heritage Room at Peter White Public Library from 6:00-7:00 pm.
2. www.Meditationchapel.org offers many online zoom meditation groups of all kinds.

Annual Meeting 'Save the Date'

Our annual meeting is set for Sunday, February 2nd following our 10:30 worship service. It will be held in Magnuson Hall with a potluck lunch and then the meeting. The meeting should start about 12:45 pm. You can bring a dish to pass based on the first letter of your last name, as follows: **A-K** Casserole/Hot Dish, **L-S** Salad/Side, **T-Z** Dessert.

Lectionary Readings - January 2025

January 5

Reading

Gospel

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 12

Reading

Gospel

Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 19

Reading

Gospel

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

John 2:1-11

January 26

Reading

Gospel

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Luke 4:14-21

Sunday School

Sunday School takes a break for the weekend of the 29th and begins again on the 5th with Godly play and the story of Daniel in the lion's den. Through the end of winter and into the spring we continue the rhythms of one story a month explored through different activities, including classroom, music, crafts and drama. Parents, please stay tuned for a schedule and info on a fun family activity after church in March!

Confirmation & High School Youth Event in January

All events are free (unless specified) and open to 6th – 12th graders, youth leaders, and pastors. Pre-registration is encouraged by contacting the event leaders below to help ensure enough supplies. If you would like to lead a youth event in your Conference, please email Stefanie Ehle (youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org)

Sunday, January 12th – Superior Conference - Sledding!

Superior Conference youth between 6th-12th grade are invited to meet at Bethany Lutheran Church in Ishpeming on January 12 for dinner & sledding. Bring warm clothes and a sled, if you have one! Contact Pr. Mills with questions or to RSVP to pastor@jmichaelmills.org.

Location: – Bethany Lutheran Church - 715 Mather Avenue, Ishpeming

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm on January 12

Contact: Pr. Mills, pastor@jmichaelmills.org

Connect with NGLS Youth Ministry online to receive the latest updates!

**To view our calendar,
updated daily, please go to
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A Daily Guide for the Start of the Year

January 1 – Fresh Start

Take a moment to reflect on your hopes for the new year. Write down one way you will nurture hope in your life this month.

January 2 – A Prayer for the World

Pray for peace in the world. Ask God, our Creator and Sustainer, to inspire all people to live with compassion and justice.

January 3 – Share a Kind Word

Reach out to someone you care about with a kind message or compliment. Brighten their day with your words.

January 4 – Sabbath Rest

Set aside an hour for rest and renewal today. Listen to what your body and spirit need and trust that God delights in your rest.

January 5 – Blessing of the Home

Pray for your home: “God of love, bless this space and all who dwell here. May it be a haven of hope, love, and peace.”

January 6 – Epiphany: Light a Candle

On this day when we remember the light of Christ revealed to the world, light a candle and ask God to fill you with hope and courage to share that light.

January 7 – Love Yourself

Practice self-compassion today. Write down one thing you love about yourself and thank God for creating you so wonderfully.

January 8 – Acts of Service

Do a small act of service for someone in need today. It could be helping a neighbor, donating to a charity, or volunteering your time.

January 9 – Hope in Creation

Spend time outside or look at the beauty of nature. Let God’s creation remind you of renewal and resilience.

January 10 – Send a Note

Write a note of encouragement to someone who might be struggling. Let them know they are seen and loved.

January 11 – Scripture of Hope

Read Romans 15:13: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.” Reflect on how God brings hope in your life.

January 12 – Share a Meal

Invite someone to share a meal with you, whether at home, a café, or a soup kitchen. Break bread together and celebrate community.

January 13 – Gratitude Journal

Write down three things you are grateful for today. Let gratitude grow your hope.

January 14 – Pray for the Lonely

Pray for those who feel isolated or unseen, asking God to bring people into their lives to share love and joy.

January 15 – Love the Neighbor You Disagree With

Think of someone with whom you’ve disagreed. Ask God to help you see them as a beloved child of God.

January 16 – Renew Your Spirit

Do something that brings you joy and rest—read a book, take a walk, listen to music, or sit in silence with God.

January 17 – Share Hope with Children

Spend time with a child or pray for the children in your life. Remind them they are loved and cherished by God.

January 18 – Care for the Vulnerable

Take action to help someone in need today, whether it’s donating warm clothing, offering a ride, or simply being a listening ear.

January 19 – Forgiveness

Is there someone you need to forgive? Pray for the grace to let go of resentment and trust God to heal.

January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Reflection

Reflect on how you can work for justice and equality in your community. Ask God for courage to bring love where there is division.

January 21 – Mindful Breathing

Take 5 minutes to sit quietly and breathe deeply. Imagine God’s Spirit filling you with peace and hope.

January 22 – Reconcile

Reach out to someone with whom you’ve lost touch or had conflict. Let God guide your words of healing.

January 23 – Be Still and Know

Sit with Psalm 46:10: “Be still and know that I am God.” Let the silence remind you of God’s abiding presence.

January 24 – Random Act of Kindness

Do something kind for a stranger today. It could be holding a door, paying for their coffee, or simply smiling.

January 25 – Celebrate Community

Reflect on what you value about your church family. Pray for Messiah Lutheran Church and its mission to share love and hope.

January 26 – Let Go of Worry

Write down something you’re worried about. Offer it to God, trusting in the Spirit’s presence and peace.

January 27 – Practice Hospitality

Invite someone into your space or life today—a friend, a neighbor, or a newcomer. Share God’s welcome with them.

January 28 – Give Thanks for Helpers

Thank someone who has been a source of help or encouragement to you. A simple thank-you note or call can make a difference.

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January 29 – Hope in Scripture

Read Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

January 30 – Care for Yourself

Make time to care for your body, mind, and spirit today—whether it’s a walk, a healthy meal, or quiet time with God.

January 31 – Prayer for the Future

Offer this prayer: “God of hope, guide me into the new month with faith and courage. Help me to love myself, my neighbor, and all creation. Amen.”

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.

December 2024 update:

Our Mom Co group has collaborated with the Sister Stocking project again this year to provide stockings to local women in need of extra holiday cheer. The concept was born out of a mother’s desire to fill the stockings of loved ones while hers may go unfilled. We want these women who may not have a stocking filled with nice things to receive one. The individuals receiving the stocking gets a beautiful note from the person who nominated them reminding them of their value, praising them for their efforts and letting them know they are loved. Delivery of the stocking occurred on the 21st of December or Winter Solstice, which is the longest, darkest day of the year to provide light that night.

Our Mom Co group helped with assembly of the stockings and hosted the gathering at Messiah. Below are some photos from our event.



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@messiahlutheran-mqt.org. The cost of the Radio Broadcast or Livestream sponsorship is \$110.00 each.

The New Free Store Donations

The New Free Store is in need of the items listed below. There is a collection bin in our narthex at Messiah for The New Free Store.

***January** - Toothbrushes (child/adult), Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Denture Cleaner

***February** - Hand Sanitizer, Toilet Paper (4 or 6 rolls/pack)

Brookridge Worship

Our worship service at Brookridge is held on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Several of our members live there & 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.

Senior Men’s Ministry

Messiah’s Senior Men’s Ministry is meeting every Friday at 9:00 am in room #202. We meet for about an hour. Please join us on Fridays!

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Mary Beals; Katie; Dave Luoma; John Kiltinen; Mary Ruman; Jimmy Anderson; Jeremy; Owen; Sally Olson; 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; Ted; Bruce Lindberg; Grace Chien; Jamie; Jon Kamps; Donna; Brian; Ben; Sandy Grenke; Evelyn; Akira Carlson; Karen Eldevick; Grace; Shannon; Billy & Kathy S.; Leesa; Jesse Wright; Marshall Lovan; Peter; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Tina; Williamson family; Wayne Hanmer; Sierra; Charlene Avery

You may call the 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!

Renew & Restore Young Adult Retreat

This retreat is from January 31 to February 2. It is open to those ages 18-30. Take a weekend away from your busy schedule to rest, learn more about authentically caring for yourself, and spend time with a community of peers. The weekend will feature time to relax and recharge in a self-guided retreat model, opportunities to worship and spend time in nature, and discussions about burnout (what it is, why we experience it, and how to combat it). The first 30 to register pay only \$30 to attend! Use code "YA2025" during registration to claim your spot today! For more information or to register, go to www.fortunelake.org.

Start the New Year with a Fresh Perspective!

Book Study: *Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals* by Oliver Burkeman

Thursday, January 30th, 7:00 pm in Magnuson Hall

As the New Year begins, many of us are thinking about resolutions and how to make the most of our time. Join Pr. Andrew and kick off the year with a book study on *Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals* by Oliver Burkeman. This thought-provoking book offers a refreshing alternative to the endless cycle of productivity, showing us how to embrace the gift of time and focus on what truly matters.

Join us as we explore how to live with greater purpose, clarity, and joy in the year ahead. Whether you're seeking to set meaningful resolutions or simply want to approach your time differently, this discussion is the perfect way to start the year on the right foot.

The group will meet on Thursday, January 30th, at 7:00 pm in Magnuson Hall. Copies of *Four Thousand Weeks* are available for purchase in the church office for \$12.

Take this opportunity to reflect, connect, and gain fresh insights to guide your year. Please RSVP to the church office (or sign up on the Welcome Table).

Messiah's Nursery

We are looking to employ another person to work in our nursery on Sunday mornings. Anyone applying would need to be at least 18 years of age and would go through a background check for the safety of our children. You may work one or two Sundays each month, and sometimes more, but rare. If you are interested in joining the nursery team, please inquire in the office. Thank you!

U.P. Wild

Sunday, January 26th at 4:00 pm: Nature Prayer Service MQT, Blueberry Ridge Lot 2 Warming Hut (Gwinn)

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. Choose the location that works best for you! Please call 906.225.7760 if you have any questions.

Marquette

1/15/25 5:30 - 6:30 pm; Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice office at 914 W Baraga Ave in Marquette

Gwinn

1/8/25 2:00 - 3:00 pm; Forsyth Senior Center 165 N. Maple St in Gwinn

Caregiver Support Groups – Are you feeling isolated or burned out as a caregiver? Do you experience frustration or guilt and need a safe place to process? Join us for opportunities to share your feelings, develop friendships, receive emotional support, and to learn about available community resources. There will be occasional guest speakers for relevant topics as well. This group is free and open to the public! The group is Moderated by Jamie Barbieri, RN Community Outreach Coordinator from Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice. Please call 906.225.7760 if you have any questions.

Marquette:

2nd Wednesday of every month

1/8/25 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice
914 W. Baraga Ave

Telephone Based:

3rd Tuesday of every month

1/21/25 2:00-3:00 pm

Call 906.485.5527 to register
Landline or Cell phone required to participate

****New* Grief Support Series starting in February!** Loss of a loved one can look different for everyone. We will be exploring feelings, support, and tools to help guide you on your grief journey. Please join us, in a safe place to learn and share about the tender moments of grief. This group will now contain a combination of both structured and open grief sharing.*

Groups will take place every other Thursday starting February 6 – April 17 from 10:30 - 11:30 am at Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice, located at 914 W Baraga Ave in Marquette. Please RSVP by 1/31/25. Contact number: 906.225.7760.

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/mo. from 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Book Club: Every first Monday/mo. 11:00 am - 12:00 pm hosted by Ishpeming Library, and Coffee & Conversations: Every Wednesday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Topics vary. Please call the Ishpeming senior center to register at 906.485.5527.

January 2025 Worship Volunteers

Saturday January 4 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst. 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday January 5 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Larry Pagel
Reader 1 Louise Reichert
Ushers 2 Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder
Communion Assts. 4 Larry Pagel, Dave Blomquist, Mike Coyne
Greeters 2

Sunday January 5 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Laurel Kniskern
Ushers 2
Communion Assts. 4
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1

Saturday January 11

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst. 1

Sunday January 12 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Harkness
Reader 1 Larry Pagel
Ushers 2
Communion Assts. 3 Larry Pagel, Dave Blomquist, Beth Krznarich
Greeters 2 Darlene Martin

Sunday January 12 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Molly Luty
Reader 1 Gayle Van Osdol
Ushers 2 Dave and Nancy Skoog
Communion Assts. 3 Gayle Mack
Greeters 2 Gayle Van Osdol
Projection Technician 1

Saturday January 18 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst. 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday January 19 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Harkness
Reader 1 Dave Blomquist
Ushers 2
Communion Assts. 3 Dave Blomquist, Kathy Maynard
Greeters 2 Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Sunday January 19 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 3 Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman
Greeters 2 Linda Carlson
Projection Technician 1

Saturday, January 25 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asstt 1

Sunday January 26 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Kathy Maynard
Reader 1 David Echelbarger
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 3 Beth Krznarich, Kathy Maynard, Mike Coyne
Greeters 2 Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Sunday January 26- 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 3 Gayle Mack,
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1 Abby LaForest

Thank you for your generosity!

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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.

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.

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