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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

(with Nursery)

Sunday 10:30 am

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January 26, 2025

Reconciling in Christ Sunday

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

* Carol Jarvis from her grandchildren - Ellen, Jacob, Mary, Katherine, Jamie, Rachel, Kyle & Emma

To the Glory of God & In Honor of...

* Reconciling in Christ Sunday from Susy Swanson

Radio: **To the Glory of God...**

* from our Messiah family

Livestream: **To the Glory of God...**

* from our Messiah family

Siblings in Christ,

Winter often invites us to slow down. Even in a year without heavy snowbanks, February holds a stillness that nudges us to reflect on time—not just the hours and days, but how we live within them.

I've been thinking about time lately, inspired by Oliver Burkeman's book *Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals*. He opens with an astonishing reminder: if you live to 80, you'll have about 4,000 weeks. It's a finite, fragile number. For some of us, that truth may feel like a call to urgency. For others, it may awaken grief for loved ones whose lives felt far too brief.

Philosopher Martin Heidegger spoke of life as a "being-towards-death." That's not meant to sound bleak; it's an invitation to live fully. Our awareness of life's limits has the power to focus us, to draw our attention to what truly matters. We are not meant to escape our finiteness, but to inhabit it deeply, with love and grace.

This idea echoes the words of Mary Oliver:

*"Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?"*

For many of us, the "wild and precious" nature of life doesn't appear in grand gestures or achievements. It's found in the quiet, sacred moments of being present—with one another, with ourselves, and with God. It's in the beauty of a sunrise, a shared meal, or a heartfelt conversation.

But even these simple, meaningful moments can feel elusive when we're caught up in the demands of daily life. Burkeman makes a surprising suggestion: instead of trying to "do it all," we should choose what to fail at. That's

not a call to apathy, but to intention. Not everything can have our attention, and when we embrace that truth, we can pour ourselves fully into what matters most.

In Luke's Gospel, Martha learns this when Jesus visits her home. While she bustles with preparations, her sister Mary sits at Jesus' feet. Martha is frustrated—she's trying to do everything—but Jesus says, "Mary has chosen the better part." Mary chose presence over busyness. She chose to stop striving and simply be where love was.

So here's my invitation to you this February: pause. Take a breath. Reflect on what matters most in this season of your life. You don't have to get it all right, and you don't have to do it all. What you can do is choose the "better part"—to show up where love is needed, to trust that grace is enough, and to let go of the rest.

Here are a few questions to guide your reflection:

- What relationships matter most to me right now? How can I make time for them?
- What tasks or goals am I clinging to that I could release to focus on love and connection?
- How is God inviting me to honor the time I have, trusting it is enough?

Friends, our lives—our weeks, our days, our moments—are held in God's hands. Whether your time feels full or fleeting, know that God's love meets you where you are. In the quiet of winter, may we all learn to live deeply, to cherish the ordinary, and to trust in the eternal grace of the One who holds all time.

With peace and hope,

Pr. Andrew

Community Meal

We will have a community meal on Wednesday, February 5th at 6:00 pm. The cooks will be serving sloppy joes! Please join us for food & fellowship. We look forward to sharing a meal with you!

Annual Meeting – February 2

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 with the annual meeting to follow. The meeting should start about 12:45 or 1:00 pm. You can bring a dish to pass based on the first letter of your last name, as follows: A-K Casserole or Hot Dish, L-S Salad or Side-dish, T-Z Dessert. Messiah will provide chicken pieces to go along with the potluck.

Messiah Calendar

Monday, January 27

7:00 am AA
10:00 am OWLs Walk
5:00 pm Lenten Planning Meeting
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm 11-Step Centering Prayer
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday, January 28

11:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Centering Prayer
1:00 pm Knotty Knitters
5:30 pm Superior Handbells
6:00 pm Arrow of Light Den
7:00 pm Male Chorus

Wednesday, January 29

7:00 am NA
5:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 30

7:00 am AA
10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study
7:00 pm Book Study

Friday, January 31

9:00 am Senior Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 1

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, February 2

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Worship-Traditional
10:30 am Worship-Contemporary
11:30 am Potluck Lunch
12:45 pm Annual Meeting

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. Molly Hunter will be on vacation February 6-15.

Suppers for Seven

Suppers for Seven sign-up will take place again in February for groups that will meet for the following 6 months (March – August). 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 February 23rd. You will receive your groups the following week via email. 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 inter-generational 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.

1st Communion Class

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12th First Communion class in the afternoon 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. More information will be shared next month.

Mitten Tree

Items gathered were donated to The Harbor House, Great Lakes Recovery and The New Free Store. Thank you for helping out those in need.

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* Fred & Kathy Maynard on the loss of their son, Bruce Maynard on January 7, 2025.

* David Echelbarger & Christine Thomas-Echlebarger on the passing of Dave's mother, Barbara.

OWLs (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

The OWLS are now walking at the Dome on Monday's at 10:00 am. 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.

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: February 2-19, 23-26,
Pr. Molly Hunter: February 1, 20-22, 27-28

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our March newsletter is **Monday, February 17, 2025.**

Messiah's Newsletter

January 26, 2025
Volume 107, Issue 2

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

Quilting

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

Messiah's Birthdays

February 2025

Saturday 1	Kathy Grisham, Stephen Mattson
Sunday 2	Bill Angeloff
Monday 3	Betty Brunton, Laurel Kniskern
Tuesday 4	No birthdays
Wednesday 5	No birthdays
Thursday 6	No birthdays
Friday 7	No birthdays
Saturday 8	No birthdays
Sunday 9	Everett Davis, Marion DeLarye, Sarah Stevens
Monday 10	Julia Crimmins
Tuesday 11	Ken Bullock
Wednesday 12	No birthdays
Thursday 13	John Sarkela
Friday 14	No birthdays
Saturday 15	Annabel Sander
Sunday 16	Mary Beth Carstens, Jackie Gilbert
Monday 17	Diana Magnuson, Andrew Plocher
Tuesday 18	Betsy Cooper
Wednesday 19	No birthdays
Thursday 20	Sandy Grenke
Friday 21	No birthdays
Saturday 22	Lando Gummerus, Christine Thomas-Echelbarger
Sunday 23	Alex Lucas
Monday 24	No birthdays
Tuesday 25	No birthdays
Wednesday 26	Simon Claybaker
Thursday 27	Sharon Farrell

Friday 28 No birthdays

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to the following couples in February:

Ken & Linda Bullock	February 6
Darlene Martin & her husband	February 7
Les & Deb Rolig	February 14

Upcoming Events in February

February 2	Annual meeting & pot-luck luncheon following 10:30 am worship in Magnuson Hall
February 5	Community Meal at 6:00 pm
February 8	Confirmation at Bethel in Ishpeming from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
February 12	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
February 19	Council meeting at 6:30 pm
February 26	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm

Council Highlights - December 2024/January 2025

Messiah's Council met on December 18th and their primary focus on this day was to review financials and the preliminary budget for 2025.

Messiah's Council met on January 22nd (a week later than normal so as to follow the Finance meeting on January 21st). This meeting, too, was focused on the 2025 budget and following up on the Finance Committee's recommendations for this budget. The 2025 budget was approved by both the Finance Committee & Messiah's Council. They also discussed improving accessibility within our church building.

Thank you for your generosity!

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or on our website at:
messiahlutheranmq.org/give

If you wish to designate your donation to a specific fund, please be sure to do so. Any undesignated donations automatically go to our general fund which supports the entirety of our ministry.

Centering Prayer

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
How to do this? In Invitation to Love, Thomas Keating suggests: “Another practice for daily life is to work an active prayer sentence...into our subconscious memory by saying it at moments when we are not engaged in a kind of activity that requires our attention.”

My “sacred word” for centering prayer is “Love”--specifically, Divine Love. So, when I am walking my dogs, I repeat the word, “Love” and picture Divine Love growing within as I breathe in, and going out to this aching world as I breathe out.

When I find myself anxiously rushing through my day, I refocus by asking myself, “What is the purpose of what you are doing right now?” If it is washing dishes the answer is, “to clean the dishes” and then, I become mindful of THAT purpose for THAT moment and voila!--I am calmer.

These, I have found, are just some of the fruits of a regular meditation practice. In Centering Prayer we aren’t petitioning God to give us what we think we need—we are opening ourselves to receiving the boundless grace and unconditional Love that God is always pouring upon us.

Feel free to join us to practice centering prayer on Tuesday mornings from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Twenty minutes of silent prayer are followed by a Lectio Divina for us to consider together. All are welcome and it is not necessary to make every meeting. Come as you can.

Visit from members of Azania Front

The Global Mission Team is very happy to report that a group of ten members from our Companion Congregation in Tanzania (Azania Front) are ready to visit Messiah. We have been praying for this to happen and are pleased that we have received a positive response.

The visit this year will occur in late September or early October. The team is making plans for events, housing, and ways to share Messiah’s mission and vision. We are also delighted that the visit will be during one of the most beautiful times of the year in our area.

Stay tuned for more information and please think of what you might do to make their visit memorable.

Judy Quirk *on behalf of the Global Mission Team*

Lectionary Readings - January 2025

February 2

Reading

Gospel

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 4:21-30

February 9

Reading

Gospel

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Luke 5:1-11

February 16

Reading

Gospel

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Luke 6:17-26

February 23

Reading

Gospel

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Luke 6:27-38

Confirmation & High School Youth Events

February - All are invited to Youth Quake for a weekend at Wisconsin Dells, WI (Feb. 14-16). This event is hosted by Immanuel in Negaunee. You may call them for more information or visit this website: <https://quakeevent.com/events/wisdells-feb/>

March - Prince of Peace in Harvey invites all confirmation & high school youth to a St. Patrick’s Day Pre-Party from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at Prince of Peace.

Hildegarde Johnson Music Scholarship - 2025

Applications will be accepted starting February 1st for anyone with interest in applying for the 2025 Hildegarde Johnson Music Scholarship. The applications will be available on the welcome table outside the church office. Please turn in completed applications to the church office by Sunday, February 23, 2025.

Hildegarde Johnson was a member of Messiah and was passionate about music. Members of the Hildegard Johnson Music Scholarship Team will evaluate the applications and inform recipients in March. Funds from this scholarship can be used for private music lessons, music camp, purchase of an instrument or music supplies, music books, or sheet music. Scholarship funds will be awarded to actively participating Messiah members who are in elementary, middle or high school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

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Sunday School Fun Night at the YMCA!

Sunday school kids & families are invited to a swimming and fun night at the YMCA sponsored by Messiah. On Friday March 7th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm we have rented out the Y. During this time, the play gym will be open. At 5:30 pm we will serve pizza, veggies and cookies. Then, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm the pool will be open to us. We hope that this is a fun night where your kids will get to play with their Sunday School friends & teachers.

A sign-up sheet will be on the welcome table outside the church office. Please sign up by Sunday, March 2nd. If you have any further questions, please ask Mary Beth Carstens or Pr. Molly Hunter

Some things to know:

- You are welcome to come and hang out, stay with your child and have dinner. Or, your child can be dropped off and we will watch them as long as they are able to swim without assistance.
- The Y will provide two lifeguards for the hour we are in the pool area.
- The play gym will be open & chaperoned from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
- All of Messiah's volunteers that work with kids are background checked.
- If you are dropping your child off, please make sure they are dressed in their swimwear and please return to help them dress for home if they need assistance – we will not be helping your child change.
- Please have your child bring a towel and a water bottle.

Fortune Lake Upcoming Events

Sacred Waters Youth Retreat for Grads 3-6

Fortune Lake invites all current 3rd through 6th graders to our Sacred Waters Retreat April 4-5. Join us for a weekend of faith-building fun and a full schedule of camp favorites.

This year's theme, "Sacred Waters," will focus on baptism, what it is, why we do it, and what it means. Campers do not need to be baptized to come to this retreat. Our Bible studies will take an accessible approach in hopes that everyone comes away with a better understanding of the radical promise that is Holy Baptism. The retreat will also include campfire worship, games, songs, outdoor play, and more! Our one night retreats are a favorite with returning and first-time campers alike. The shortened experience is the perfect opportunity to visit camp and see old friends while enjoying some camp favorites as well as a chance to try things out before committing to the full week.

Campers may come as individuals, with friends, or with a group from their congregation. Fortune Lake is also excited to offer a training opportunity to adult youth leaders who attend the retreat. We highly encourage attendance of adult youth leaders and provide the option of staying in with the campers or staying in one of our lodges for an additional fee. Adults will experience

the retreat alongside their youth and step out on Saturday morning to attend the training

Check in will be from 6:00-6:30 pm CT on April 4. There will be an evening snack served on Friday night, but please have dinner before arriving at Fortune Lake. Breakfast and lunch on Saturday are included. The retreat ends at 3:00 pm CT on April 5. There is a closing worship at 2:30 pm CT, and family members are welcome to attend.

If you have further questions about the retreat, please reach out to the camp office by calling 906 214-2267 or by emailing hospitality@fortunelake.org.

The registration deadline for this retreat is March 28 at 11:59 pm CT.

In the Body: Jr/Sr High retreat for grades 7-12

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp invites all current 7-12 graders to our In the Body Jr/Sr High Retreat. Join us for a weekend of faith formation, music, and fun! Fortune Lake is thrilled to welcome Rachel Kurtz as our facilitator for this retreat.

Through this year's theme, Rachel Kurtz will guide the group through what it means to be "In the Body," both in our own bodies and in the greater Body of Christ. Rachel will touch on what it means to be truly present and kind to our own bodies, how we can better show up as a member of the Body of Christ, and what that looks like in our lives. She will also be sharing her powerful music with the group throughout the weekend. The weekend will also feature familiar camp favorites like songs, games, campfire, hot saunas, and more. Our one-night retreats are great for both longtime campers and those who are just trying it out for the first time.

The registration deadline for this retreat is April 4 at 11:59 pm CT. For more information or to register go to www.fortunelake.org.

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.

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.

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

***March** - Shampoo (male/female), boxes of feminine pads/tampons

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!

10:30 am Worship Projection Technician

We are in need of a few more volunteers to run our screens during our 10:30 am worship service. It is a very simple job to do... you follow along in a bulletin and to change the screen when needed, you press the space bar. That is it! If you would like to give it a try, please contact the office.

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).

Subscribe to Messiah's ENewsletter

Messiah publishes an electronic newsletter every Wednesday which is sent to subscribers via email. Receiving the ENews is a good way to stay abreast of church news and activities. If you are interested in subscribing, contact Kathy at Messiah's office. And, you can access the ENews through Messiah's website.

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Carrie Oslund; Dave and Chraistine Echelbarger on the passing of Dave's mother, Barbara; John Collins; Fred and Kathy Maynard on the passing of their son Bruce; Myra; Becky Abbey; John & Kim Miller; Mary Beals; Katie; John Kiltinen; Mary Ruman; Jimmy Anderson; Jeremy; Owen; Sally Olson; Larry Brunton; Charlie Blake; Carol Bell; Dorothy; Lillian Tuimala; Lynne Robertson; Jan Brown; Betsy; Karen; Rose Collins; Rick Castillo; Ruth Koehler; Don Hillegas; Grant; Kai Dolan; Samantha; Ted; Bruce Lindberg; Grace Chien; Jamie; 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!

Your Prayer Requests

At every Saturday & Sunday worship service, we ask people to fill out a welcome card that is found in the bulletin. The card asks people to put their prayer requests on the back, and these requests are prayed for every Tuesday morning at Messiah's staff meeting. If you wish to have your name or a loved one's name read during worship, please call the office or let the pastors or Jen know. We will need to get permission before we include anyone's name in the worship prayers.

Messiah's Nursery

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

Medication Help Available

If you have questions or concerns regarding your medications, you can contact retired pharmacist, Barb Salmela. Contact the office to get her number. All inquiries are confidential. She can help find discounts for medication, ways to possibly obtain them for free, or suggest less expensive alternatives.

Messiah's Nursery - Employment

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!

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.

Gwinn -2/12/25 2:00 - 3:00 pm; Forsyth Senior Center 165 N. Maple St, Gwinn

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Grief Support Series – Grief is Hard. Death can impact all aspects of our life. 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 offer a combination of both structured and open grief sharing facilitated by Lisa Marttila, Bereavement Coordinator. Free & open to the public. Groups will be held every other Thursday starting 2/6/25 – 4/17/25 from 10:30-11:30 am at Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice office, 914 W Baraga Ave in Marquette. Please RSVP to 906.225.7760 or jbarbiere@lakesuperiorhospice.org by 2/4/25.

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 Barbiere, 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
2/12/25 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice
914 W. Baraga Ave

Telephone Based:

3rd Tuesday of every month
2/18/25 2:00-3:00 pm
Call 906.485.5527 to register
Landline or Cell phone required to participate

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.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers *Virtual*- This 6 week workshop is designed to help you take care of YOURSELF while caring for someone else. Participants must have a device/phone with internet connection, webcam, microphone, and email address to attend. To register please visit www.upcap.org (click on EVENTS) or call 2-1-1 for assistance registering. Takes place every Wednesday from 2/6/25 – 4/2/25 from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. No cost to attend. Call Jamie Barbiere at 906.225.7760 for more information.

February 2024 Worship Volunteers

Saturday February 1 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst. 1 *one needed*

Sunday February 2 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Larry Pagel
Reader 1 Marina Shinkarenko
Ushers 2 Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder
Communion Assts. 3 Larry Pagel Mike Coyne, *one needed*
Greeters 2 Chris Harkness, Marina Shinkarenko

Sunday February 2 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Nancy Raisanen
Reader 1 Marina Shinkarenko
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts. 3 *three needed*
Greeters 2 Marina Shinkarenko, *one needed*
Projection Technician 1 Inga Banitt

Saturday February 8 - 5:00 pm

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

Sunday February 9 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Jen Bleckiner
Reader 1 Larry Pagel
Ushers 2 Joe & Chris Harkness
Communion Assts. 4 Larry Pagel, Beth Krznarich, *two needed*
Greeters 2 Al and Gail Edgar

Sunday February 9 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 Josh MacIvor-Andersen
Ushers 2 Fred & Jeanne Groos
Communion Assts. 4 *four needed*
Greeters 2 *two needed*
Projection Technician 1 Lesley Williams

Saturday February 15 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst. 1 Terry Bocklund

Sunday February 16 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Kathy Maynard
Reader 1 Judy Quirk
Ushers 2 Mike Coyne, *one needed*
Communion Assts. 3 *three needed*
Greeters 2 Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Sunday February 16 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Jeanne Groos
Reader 1 Gayle Van Osdol
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts 3 Kerry McGinley & Karen Burkman, *one needed*
Greeters 2 Milt & Boli Soderberg
Projection Technician 1 Abby LaForest

Saturday, February 22 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asstt 1 *one needed*

Sunday February 23 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Harkness
Reader 1 Brenda Blett
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts 3 Beth Krznarich, *two needed*
Greeters 2 Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Sunday, February 23 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 *one needed*
Reader 1 Josh MacIvor-Andersen
Ushers 2 *two needed*
Communion Assts 3 *three needed*
Greeters 2 *two needed*
Projection Technician 1 Kathy Godec

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.

Bowls for a Cause

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