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Saturday 5:00 pm

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July 27, 2025

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Flowers: To the Glory of God...

* from Bill Maki

Radio: To the Glory of God...

* from our Messiah Family

Livestream: To the Glory of God...

* from our Messiah Family

Siblings in Christ,

Late summer carries a strange rhythm. The days are long, the air thick, and many of us are somewhere between resting and ramping back up—holding a bit of both. It's in this in-between space that we're stepping into a new worship series, and honestly, it feels fitting.

For five Sundays in August, we'll spend time in the book of Revelation.

Yes, that Revelation—the one we usually tiptoe around or file away under “weird Bible stuff.” But Revelation isn't about predicting the end of the world. It's about seeing the world—clearly, courageously, hopefully. It's a pastoral letter, written to communities trying to stay faithful in the midst of fear, fatigue, and pressure to conform. It's a vision—not of escape, but of presence. Not of doom, but of love that won't let go.

We're calling the series Revealed: Hope at the Edge of the World. Each week opens a different part of the vision:

- When Heaven Opens
- Faithful Witnesses in Babylon
- Worship at the Center
- Beastly Powers and a Wounded World
- All Things Made New

We'll wrestle with empire, power, worship, and hope. We'll talk about what it means to hold onto courage when the systems around us are loud, seductive, or just exhausting. And we'll keep coming back to the center of the whole thing: a Lamb, wounded and risen, who doesn't dominate but loves.

Alongside the sermons, there'll be a daily devotional available at the welcome table—brief reflections, scripture readings, and practices to carry through the week. Use it however you need: as a companion to prayer, a prompt for journaling, or a shared rhythm with someone else.

More than anything, my hope is that this series helps us pay attention. That it stirs something true and timely. That it reminds us we're not the first to feel tired or overwhelmed—and we're not alone in holding out for more. Revelation doesn't deny what's hard. But it does refuse to give up.

Glad to be in it with you.

In Christ,
Pr. Andrew

Lifelong Faith Formation

Fall 2025 Classes are open for registration.

Giving thanks for the opportunity to come together for listening and learning. Lifelong Faith Formation has been working to Equip the Saints in the Northern Great Lakes Synod and beyond for five years.

Join the shared conversations and enjoy the diversity of opportunities to learn with others as we grow in faith and respond to God's daily call.

The classes are free but may require the purchase of books or materials. Classes will be held via Zoom. Registration will be open through September 15.

Caring for Creation - a discussion study of the theological, societal, and scientific reasoning of the ELCA Social Statement. Instructor: Chuck Thomas, NGLSynod Vice President. Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks, September 24 - October 29; 7-8 pm Eastern Time, 6-7 pm Central Time.

Feeding Your Soul - Practicing Spiritual Practices - Instructors: Pastors Terry Cathcart, Terry Frankenstein, Lee Goodwin, Grant Van Lishout; Deacons D'Etta Broam and Noreen Stevens. Monday evenings for 7 weeks, September 15 - October 6, November 3-17; 7-8 pm Eastern Time, 6-7 pm Central Time.

In the Beginning: the first 11 Chapters of Genesis - Instructor: Pastor Tommy Wimsae. Thursday evenings for 10 weeks, September 18 - November 20; 7-8 pm Eastern Time, 6-7 pm Central Time.

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew - Instructor: Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn. Sunday evenings beginning September 21 with end date to be determined; 7-8 pm Eastern Time, 6-7 pm Central Time.

Recognizing, Responding, and Re-Visioning Discipleship in an age of Christian Nationalism - Instructor: Pastor David Van Kley. Tuesday evenings for 4 weeks, October 7-29; 7-8 pm Eastern Time, 6-7 pm Central Time.

For more information on these classes, check the handout on the Welcome Table. To register, go to nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/

Quilting

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

Messiah Calendar

Monday, July 28

10:00 am OWLs Walk
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday, July 29

11:00 am Centering Prayer

Wednesday, July 30

Nothing planned today

Thursday, July 31

10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study

Friday, August 1

9:00 am Senior Men's Bible Study
5:00 pm Rain Date for Sunday
School Summer Fun Party

Saturday, August 2

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, August 3

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Worship-Traditional
10:30 am Beach Worship @ Clark
Lambros Beach, bring your
own chair/blanket

In The Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. 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.

On-Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: August 1-31
Pr. Molly is on maternity leave through 8/24

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our September newsletter is **Monday, August 18, 2025**.

Messiah's Newsletter

July 27, 2025
Volume 107, Issue 8

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

Community Meal - August 6

Our next Community Meal will be on Wednesday, August 6th at 6:00 pm. Our cooks will be making homemade potato salad and there will be sub sandwiches & chips. Please join us for an evening of food & fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

Beach Worship – August 3 & Labor Day Weekend

10:30 am at Clark Lambros Beach Park

Join us for worship by the water on:

- Sunday, August 3rd
- Sunday, August 31st (*Labor Day weekend*)

Bring a chair, invite a friend, and come ready to worship with sand between your toes and Lake Superior as our chancel. There's nothing quite like singing, praying, and sharing communion with the sound of waves in the background.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll gather in the sanctuary as usual—but we're hoping for sunshine and a gentle breeze!

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.

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.

August Diapers, size 3-6 & Baby Wipes

September Packages of feminine pads &/or tampons

Upcoming Events in August

August 3	10:30 am service at Clark Lambros Beach
August 6	Community Meal at 6:00 pm in Magnuson Hall
August 7	Building & Grounds meeting at 5:00 pm
August 13	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
August 27	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
August 31	10:30 am service at Clark Lambros Beach

Messiah's Birthdays

August 2025

Friday 1	Jamie Dodge
Saturday 2	Fiona Fitzpatrick, Emma LeDuc, Kirsten Matthews, Dick Oslund
Sunday 3	No birthdays
Monday 4	Myles Delpier, Holly Muscoe, Susanne Smith
Tuesday 5	No birthdays
Wednesday 6	Jayme Bell, Larry Brunton, Jill Luoma, Ken Skytta
Thursday 7	Renee Jewett
Friday 8	Dick Goodney
Saturday 9	Karen Burkman, Michael Campana, Ruth Robb
Sunday 10	Jan Brown, Peter Claybaker, Adrienne Wolf
Monday 11	Jeremy Braund, Landric Braund, Ann Johnson
Tuesday 12	No birthdays
Wednesday 13	Daphne Greenwood, Justin Wild
Thursday 14	Sara Morrison
Friday 15	Lou Ann Balding, Alexis Hammerstrom
Saturday 16	Kayleigh Beaudoin, Brenda Blett
Sunday 17	Della Slavsky
Monday 18	Oliver Davis, Ann Lahti
Tuesday 19	Elise Busick, Kelley Mahar
Wednesday 20	James Nebel, Jamie Vanlerberghe
Thursday 21	Dave Carlson
Friday 22	No birthdays
Saturday 23	Karen Eldevick, Laura Petrie
Sunday 24	No birthdays
Monday 25	Grayson Beaudoin, Lois LaBrecque
Tuesday 26	No birthdays

Wednesday 27	Jaime Davis, Susan Feldhauser
Thursday 28	Dave Boehlke
Friday 29	Helen Lord Anderson, Kathy Peters, Bruce Robertson
Saturday 30	Mike Coyne
Sunday 31	No birthdays

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to the following couples in August:

Darren & Laurie Smith	August 2
Michael Joy & Rebecca Ulland	August 3
Barb Maszlewski & Beth Wendricks	August 3
Andrew & Melissa Wilder	August 9
Paul & Linda Wainio	August 11
Dick & LouAnn Balding	August 16
Roger & Lucille Contois	August 16
Mark & Sheryl Dellangelo	August 16
Janice Johnstone & her husband	August 16
Dick & Laura Goodney	August 17
Dave & Jill Luoma	August 17
Tanner & Ellyn Delpier	August 18
Dick & Karen Oslund	August 18
Tom & Kathy Osier	August 19
Eric & Jessica Gummerus	August 20
Dave & Jessica Boehlke	August 22
Cheryl Anderegg & her husband	August 23
Herb & Sandy Grenke	August 26
Chuck & Jean Reynolds	August 26

Sunday School Families

Sunday School for the fall begins on Rally Sunday – September 7th . Registration for this fall is now live on Messiah's website. Rally Day also includes a picnic style lunch of hot dogs after 10:30 worship along with fun activities for kids.

Rally Day - Save the Date!

Our kick-off to fall programming starts with Sunday School & Rally Day, which both start on Sunday, September 7th. Our Rally Day picnic will be held in our east parking lot. We will have hot dogs, chips, watermelon & ice cream sandwiches. We will also have some fun things for the kids! If you are able to help make this day a success, please sign up at the welcome table. Thank you!

Qigong at Messiah

Qigong for Balance, Breathing and Health

9-9:45 AM, Beginning August 7th, Thursdays in Magnuson Hall. Donations to the church.

Years ago, we offered a Paul Lam series focused on teaching Range of Motion. Gentle, not expansive movements. No competition. Chair qigong is an option as needed. Slow movements are healthier. Breathing.

This next series will focus on Mind/Body Internal Practices. Neigong (nay-gong) is 3,000 years old. Mind/Body practice can release tension, increase balance and flexibility. An invitation to calmness and efficiency of movement. All for health. --- *Diana Magnuson*

UP Wild

Friday, August 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 pm: 4th Annual Rock Painting for all ages as a part of Crafting in Community! Bring a rock with you or one will be provided. We will have all art supplies. We will meet on the outside lawn of St. Pauls Episcopal Church at 201 E Ridge St. [Inside is rain back up]

Saturday, August 9th at 10:00 am: Wilderness Walk to Morgan Falls with lunch at Rippling River Resort! We will meet at NTN South Trailhead along County Road 553 & will depart the trailhead at 10:15 am sharp.

Thursday, August 14th at 12:00 pm: Coffee in Community, 131 E Ridge St (yellow sign) Lending Library & Cafe

Sunday, August 31st at 3:30 pm: Wild Church Service, Presque Isle Gazebo (go to upwild.org for more information)

This Here Flesh — September Book Study

Gathering Date: TBD

What does it mean to live with dignity? To carry memory, fear, hope, and joy in a body that longs for healing? This September, we're inviting you to read *This Here Flesh* by Cole Arthur Riley—a beautiful, thought-provoking book that weaves together story, spirituality, and justice.

Riley writes with honesty and beauty—poetic, grounded, and deeply rooted in lived experience. She explores themes like lament, rest, liberation, and wonder—not as abstract ideas, but as threads woven into our everyday lives.

We'll meet once in September to talk about what moved us, what challenged us, and what's still stirring beneath the surface. No homework. No pressure. Just a chance to show up, reflect, and be part of something honest and real.

Books available in the church office starting the first week of August for \$15.

All are welcome—bring your story, your questions, and maybe a friend.

Lectionary Readings - August 2025

August 3

First Reading

Primary Reading

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1–12

Revelation 1:1-20

August 10

First Reading

Primary Reading

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:21–24

Revelation 2:1–7; 3:14–22

August 17

First Reading

Primary Reading

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6:1–8

Revelation 4–5

August 24

First Reading

Primary Reading

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8–22

Revelation 13:1–10; 14:1–5

August 31

First Reading

Primary Reading

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17–25

Revelation 21:1–6; 22:1–5

Fortune Lake News - Save the Date!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS....Fall Fest 2025: Quilt & Fine Arts Auction Fundraiser - Saturday, October 4th.

Our Sisters of the Cloth and other generous artisans and quilters are hard at work to provide the beautiful, high quality items you have come to expect from this event. Join us in support of the ministry of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!

For more information or for submission forms for the auction or fall fest country store, go to www.fortunelake.org.

Who Seeks Help from Our Assistance Fund?

Those we help in our Assistance Ministry come to us with needs that are not able to be met by any other agency in the area. For various reasons they struggle to get things that most of us take for granted. They are all ages and education levels, family situations and backgrounds. They are US. Here are some of needs that we have helped to fill over the years:

Utility bills to avoid shut off	Infant Car Seats
Rental assistance to avoid eviction	Work Boots
Storage Unit payments	Phones
Medical/Dental Bill assistance	Laundromat soap
Car repairs and gasoline cards	Bus Tickets
U Haul rentals	Car Insurance
Campground rental fees	Licensing & application fees

And the list goes on.....Thank you to Grant and Kathy Soltwisch (and now Rebecca Ulland) for their jam ministry & to Paul Carstens for his wooden bowl offerings and to all who support this ministry to our community.

---Mary Lou Blomquist

A/V Project Update: Halfway There—Let's Keep Building

Thanks to your generosity—and the matching support from Church Council—we've now raised \$14,000 toward our \$30,000 goal for the next phase of A/V upgrades at Messiah.

This isn't just about tech—it's about accessibility and inclusion. With these improvements, we're working to ensure that everyone—whether they use hearing aids, worship from the atrium or nursery, or join us online—can fully participate in our life together.

Upgrades will include enhanced T-coil support, better speakers in shared spaces, refreshed systems in Magnuson Hall, and stronger internet for streaming and ministry.

Every gift brings us closer. Every dollar given is matched. Let's keep going—and make sure no one is left out of what God is doing here. Let's finish what we started—together.

Knotty Knitters

The Knotty Knitters will continue to meet at Messiah on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. The knitters typically meet in Magnuson Hall but occasionally meet in the atrium. They do join one another for lunch at Vangos prior to coming to Messiah. Please contact Shelly Johnson for more information.

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.

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* Penny Streeter & Sherry Labbe upon the passing of their mother, Joy Schlais, who passed away in Kingsford, MI on June 30th.

In Celebration of:

* The baptism of Henrik Louis Love on Sunday, June 1st. Henrik is the son of Brett & Samantha Love. Herik's sponsors are Logan Love & Michael Boone.

OWLs (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Summer is in full swing & on Mondays at 10:00 am we walk at the lower harbor/Mattson Park if it's not raining. If the weather is rainy we'll walk at the Dome. Afterwards we go to Provisions for coffee. We walk at different rates and all are welcome. If you're not interested in walking join us for coffee. Questions? please contact Betsy or the church office.

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!

2025 WELCA Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Friday, September 19 - Sunday, September 21

Hidden Women of Faith

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come" Proverbs 31:25

Meet our Presenter: Dr. Katie Deaver. Our presenter this year is Dr. Katie Deaver. She holds a Ph.D. in feminist Theology and Ethics from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Come and join us as we explore the lives of several remarkable women and discover the "hidden" ways their personal faith impacted their communities and the world. Through stories of resilience, strength, and devotion we'll celebrate these hidden women of faith as we continue on our own faith journey. Katie is committed to making theology accessible and enriching for all people of faith. Cluster 8 welcomes you to come join in our 2025 retreat. We are currently planning our break out sessions, but plan on card making, bible study and some gourmet s'mores with a wine pairing. Make some time and join us, bring a friend.

Registration forms and scholarship applications can be found at nglsynod.org/swo.

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African Visitors from Azania Front

We have received the wonderful news that some of the delegation from our companion church have obtained their visas and will be able to visit us this fall. We are in process of planning the itinerary and special events while they visit.

If you haven't taken time to examine the display with their photos and bios, please take time to do that. We are open to any ideas you may propose to add to their stay.

Each time we exchange visits with fellow Christians from different communities we are blessed by new connections and view points.

Please continue to pray for this endeavor and that US policy doesn't prevent its' happening. - - - Judy Quirk

Summer Generosity Matters

Summer brings a welcome change of pace—time for rest, travel, and renewal. But while many of us shift into vacation mode, the ministry of the church continues in full swing. From worship and music to outreach and care, our shared mission doesn't take a break.

Historically, summer is a time when financial giving dips, simply because routines change. Yet your consistent generosity helps sustain the work we've committed to together. Whether it's supporting local food programs, keeping our building cool and welcoming, or planning for fall ministries, every gift matters.

If you're traveling, consider setting up automatic giving or making a one-time summer offering to keep momentum strong. Your support ensures that we remain a steady presence of hope and hospitality—even when calendars get full and rhythms shift.

Let's continue to be faithful stewards in every season, trusting that God multiplies even the simplest gifts offered in love.

Sister City Scholar to Attend NMU

The Sister City Board will welcome our latest Japanese scholar to NMU for the 25-26 school year. He is 20 years old and will arrive just in time to move into the dorms at NMU. He enjoys travel and outdoor sports and watching American football and baseball. He has two sisters and his dad is a city hall worker and mom a medical office administrator. He is majoring in Marketing. We are seeking a "home base" family who can help him feel at home in Marquette and provide some experiences he would not get in the dorms and house him during times the dorms are closed for breaks. This is a rewarding, educational experience for the local family. Please contact the church office for Mary Lou Blomquist's contact information if you are interested in this experience.

What is Centering Prayer?

Centering prayer is a form of silent prayer that emphasizes resting in God's presence through silence and a sacred word. It involves finding a quiet space, sitting comfortably, and focusing on a chosen word to help maintain stillness and let go of thoughts. The goal is to cultivate a deeper relationship with God through stillness and receptivity. Several members of Messiah lead groups that practice this form of prayer throughout the week as a piece of their faith life. - - Pr. Molly Hunter

Centering Prayer - "Be In the World But Not of the World"

Stillness before God transforms us into unhurried love. It is in the stillness of silent prayer that God turns over the soil of our hearts, revealing our desires to us and the source of their fullest satisfaction. When we stop moving, stop talking, and arrive present and quiet before God, he takes all of our disordered desires, distorted attachments, and codependencies and transforms them into love.

When we use others to meet our needs, we can't love them. Codependent people don't truly love each other. They're using each other. Each needs the other to feel okay. When we need the world, need something from the world, need something from the fearfully and wonderfully made people who populate the world to make us feel whole ourselves, we can't love.

God has to break our attachments to the world so we can truly love the world. God has to break our attachments to the people in it who feed our egos so we can truly see others, know others, welcome others, and love others. The place where this happens is silent prayer. From *"Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools"* by Tyler Staton

Opportunities to practice centering prayer with others: Tuesdays from 11-noon. No need to attend every session, come when you are able. We meditate together for 20 minutes; this is followed by inspirational readings for us to ponder. The Holy Spirit is the one in charge of these sessions. Our goal is to consent to God's Presence and Action within.

There are two other Centering Prayer sessions at Messiah; one on Mondays, starting at 5:30 pm, it is an 11-step Centering Prayer and there is a second one on Thursdays at 1:30 pm - - -Nancy Hamlin

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.

A Daily Guide for August

August 1 – Savor the Season

Notice what you love about summer—ripe fruit, warm sun, long days. Say thank you to God for what fills your senses with joy.

August 2 – Morning Light

Wake early enough to sit with the sunrise or morning quiet. Let the light remind you that each day begins in grace.

August 3 – Write a Thank You

Send a thank-you note or message to someone who's made your summer better, even in a small way.

August 4 – Eat with Gratitude

Slow down as you eat today. Taste each bite. Give thanks for the farmers, workers, and hands that brought it to your table.

August 5 – Let Go a Little

What are you holding too tightly? Let something go today—an expectation, a task, a worry. Trust that not everything depends on you.

August 6 – Sabbath in Summer

Set aside time today to rest. Sit outside. Take a nap. Listen to crickets or the wind. Let creation teach you how to pause.

August 7 – School Supplies Prayer

Whether you're a student, teacher, parent, or simply near a school community, say a prayer over the tools of learning and those who use them.

August 8 – Notice the Transition

Feel the air change? Are the evenings getting shorter? Welcome the turning of time with curiosity, not resistance.

August 9 – Bless the Children

Pray for the children in your life—those you know and those you don't. Ask God to surround them with care and delight.

August 10 – Practice Presence

Be where you are today. Resist multitasking for an hour. Pay attention to the world around you.

August 11 – Look Up

Spend a few moments looking at the sky. Cloudy or clear, bright or dark—lift your eyes and rest in wonder.

August 12 – A Mid-Year Check-In

We're over halfway through the year. What has surprised you? What are you grateful for?

August 13 – Back-to-School Memories

Remember your own back-to-school experiences. What feelings come up? Offer them to God—whether joy, fear, awkwardness, or hope.

August 14 – Prayer for Educators

Pray for teachers, aides, staff, and administrators. Ask God to give them wisdom, patience, and a sense of deep purpose.

August 15 – A Late Summer Walk

Take a walk and notice what's blooming, what's fading, and what's going to seed. Let the natural world remind you that change is sacred.

August 16 – Make a Gratitude List

Write down five things you're thankful for today—without overthinking. Small or big, they're all grace.

August 17 – Practice Gentleness

Approach your day with softness. Move slowly. Speak kindly. Treat yourself and others with tender care.

August 18 – Reflect on Growth

How have you grown this summer? What new rhythms or insights might you carry into the next season?

August 19 – Bless a Backpack

Bless your own bag, your child's backpack, or someone else's with this prayer: *"God, may this bag carry tools for learning, reminders of your presence, and signs of your peace."*

August 20 – A Prayer for Change

Say: *"God, help me greet change with trust. Let me carry forward what matters and release what no longer fits."*

August 21 – Savor a Summer Sound

What sounds say "summer" to you—waves, birds, fans, laughter, lawn mowers? Listen deeply. Give thanks.

August 22 – Say Goodbye Well

Name something you're saying goodbye to—vacation, a slower pace, a place. Honor it. Thank God for it. Let it go.

August 23 – Bless the Threshold

If you or someone you know is on the edge of something new, say: *"God, bless this threshold. Give courage, joy, and rootedness in love."*

August 24 – Clean with Intention

Tidy or clean a small space. As you do, offer a quiet prayer: *"Prepare me for what's ahead."*

August 25 – Gratitude for Play

What has brought you joy or fun this summer? Celebrate it. Play again if you can.

August 26 – Pray for Students

Pray for those beginning or continuing school—at any age. Ask for wisdom, belonging, resilience, and curiosity.

August 27 – Light a Candle

As the days shorten, light a candle and say: “God, be the light that steadies me in all seasons.”

August 28 – Notice the Details

Take 10 minutes to observe a single thing—an insect, a leaf, your hands, a photo. Let awe rise.

August 29 – Share a Meal

Eat with someone today. Whether at home or out, savor the connection. Thank God for nourishment and companionship.

August 30 – Give Thanks for the Season

Say a simple prayer: “God, thank you for this summer—for what it offered, what it taught, and what it became.”

August 31 – Blessing for What’s Ahead

Pray: “God of all seasons, walk with me into what’s next. Let me bring gratitude, wonder, and peace with me. Amen.”

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Al Ortlieb; Christine and Jason; Eric and Gretchen; Judy Quirk; Lois LaBrecque; Darlene Dreisbach; Ruth Koehler; Sherrie Wagner; Jan Brown; Betsy; Carrie Oslund; John Collins; Myra; Katie; John Kiltinen; Mary Ruman; Jeremy; Sally Olson; Charlie Blake; Carol Bell; Dorothy; Lynne Robertson; Karen; Rose Collins; Rick Castillo; 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; Judy Donckers; 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!

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Brookridge Worship

Our worship service at Brookridge is held on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Some 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.

Support Local Lions Club

Support the Marquette Lions Club by renting a 3 x 5 American Flag for your front yard for Labor Day. Flags will be delivered prior to each holiday and picked up after the holiday weekend. The minimum donation requested is \$35. If interested please contact Kerry McGinley at 231-250-1092 and make checks payable to Marquette Lions Club. Thank you for your support.

Your Prayer Requests at Messiah

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.

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.

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

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice Events

Grief Support Group - Grief can be overwhelming, and navigating it alone can make the pain feel even heavier. A grief support group is a safe, compassionate space where individuals who have experienced loss come together to share, listen, and heal. Guided by trained facilitators, these gatherings offer comfort, understanding, and connection through shared experiences. Whether you've recently lost a loved one or are still coping with grief from the past, attending a support group can help you process your emotions, reduce isolation, and find strength in community. Healing doesn't mean forgetting — it means learning to carry your loss with support beside you. Choose the location that works best for you! Free & open to the public. No affiliation to our hospice is required. Please call 906.225.7760 if you have any questions.

Gwinn

Forsyth Senior Center
165 N. Maple St
August 13th
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Marquette

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice
914 W. Baraga Ave
August 27th
4:00 pm

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
August 13th from 2:00-3:00 pm
Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice
914 W. Baraga Ave

Telephone Based:

3rd Wednesday of every month
August 20th from 2:00-3:00 pm
Call 906.485.5527 to register
Landline or Cell phone required to participate

Powerful Tools for Caregivers – In-Person class starting in August at the Negaunee Senior Center! Now is your chance to register for our in-person class which only occurs once a year! This 6- week workshop is designed to help YOU the 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. This workshop will provide YOU the caregiver tools to reduce stress and help you relax, make tough decisions, reduce guilt, anger, and depression, communicate effectively with family members, your doctor, paid help, take care of yourself, and to set goals and problem solve. Thursdays, August 21 – September 25, 2025, from 1:00–2:30 pm, 410 Jackson St. Negaunee. Call 2-1-1 to register or register online at www.upcap.org (click on OTHER then EVENTS).

Memory Café: Dementia Friendly Movie matinee: 80 for Brady

Join us for a special Memory Café event designed for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. Enjoy a free, relaxed screening of **80 for Brady** – a lighthearted comedy celebrating friendship and adventure. Free tickets with pre-registration – all ticket fees are generously covered by Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice. Space is limited so please RSVP to 906.225.7760 or outreach@lakesuperiorhospice.org by August 13th. Come share a joyful dementia-friendly movie experience! On August 27th from 1:00-2:45 pm at the Thomas Theatre 1525 Commerce Drive in Marquette.

Memory Café: Welcome Wednesday at the Trillium House – August 27th from 12:00-1:00 pm

A friendly, supportive gathering for individuals living with memory loss and their care partners. Enjoy lunch, connect with others, and hear from special guests from the Alzheimer's Association. Plus take a tour of Trillium House & learn more about how they support families and caregivers with their short term respite stays & hospice support in a warm, home-like setting. Please RSVP by August 20th by calling 906.264.5026. This event is scheduled for July 23rd from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Trillium House located at 1144 Northland Dr. Marquette.

Art After Loss Presents: Creating Grief Journals – August 28th at 4:30 pm.

Your Memories and feelings are safe here. Grief journals are a powerful way to process loss, offering space for reflection and healing. Journaling can help us make sense of our emotions and honor the memory of those we've lost. We invite you to create your own grief journals. Please bring a blank journal (a few will be available) and any items you'd like to include: Poems, photographs, inspirational quotes, etc. Peter White Library lower level. 217 N. Front St, Marquette. Please RSVP to 906.225.7760 or email cvoce@lakesuperiorhospice.org

10:30 am Worship Volunteers

We are in need of more volunteers for our 10:30 worship service. Specifically ushers and communion assistants. If either of these roles interest you or if you have questions about it; please visit Jen or Kathy in the office and they will let you know what is involved. Thank you!

August 2025 Worship Volunteers

Saturday, August 2 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, August 3 - 8:30 am

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

Sunday, August 3 - 10:30 am—Worship at Clark Lambros Beach

Ushers 2
Communion Asst 1

Saturday, August 9 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, August 10 -8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Dave Blomquist
Reader 1 Larry Pagel
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 4 Beth Krznarich, Larry Pagel,
Greeters 2

Sunday, August 10 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Nancy Hamlin
Ushers 2
Communion Assts. 4
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1

Saturday, August 16 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Karen Kimar-Johnson
Communion Asst 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday, August 17 -8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Harkness
Reader 1 Mary Lou Blomquist
Ushers 2

Communion Assts. 4

Greeters 2 Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Sunday, August 17-10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2
Communion Assts. 4
Greeters 2 Linda Carlson,
Projection Technician 1

Saturday, August 23 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday, August 24 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Brenda Blett
Reader 1 Grant Soltwisch
Ushers 2 Joe and Chris Harkness
Communion Assts 4 Beth Krznarich
Greeters 2

Sunday, August 24 -10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Jeanne Groos
Ushers 2 Fred and Jeanne Groos
Communion Assts 3
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1 Lesley Williams

Saturday, August 30- 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Kathy Godec
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, August 31 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Grant Soltwisch
Reader 1 Brenda Blett
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 3
Greeters 2

Sunday, August 31- 10:30 am—Worship at Clark Lambros Beach

Ushers 2

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