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May 24, 2026

## Pentecost

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

\* Bill Maki

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

\* my dear parents, Edward & Helga Isaacson from Peggy Letvenow

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

\* from our Messiah Family

### Dwelling in the Word: Listening for the Spirit in the Book of Acts

Over the next several months, Messiah will be entering a season of listening — listening to Scripture, listening to one another, and listening for the quiet, steady work of the Holy Spirit among us. One of the most life-giving ways congregations do this is through a simple spiritual practice called **Dwelling in the Word**.

Dwelling in the Word is not a Bible study in the usual sense. It is not about mastering information or finding the “right” interpretation. Instead, it is a way of slowing down, hearing Scripture read aloud, and noticing what the Spirit stirs in us — a word, a phrase, an image, a question, a nudge. We listen not only for ourselves, but also for what God might be saying to us as a community.

I invite you to dwell in the Book of Acts, a book that speaks honestly about the joys and struggles of the early church. Acts tells the story of a community living through change, conflict, loss, new callings, and surprising hope — a story that resonates deeply with where Messiah finds itself today. The early church did not always know what came next, but the Spirit met them again and again with courage, imagination, and grace. We trust that same Spirit is at work among us.

#### Dwelling in the Word in Small Groups

Each week, I invite you in your church small groups (e.g., committees, service groups, etc.) to gather around a short passage from Acts. The rhythm is simple:

1. The passage is read aloud — slowly, twice.
2. Each person notices a word or phrase that stands out.
3. In pairs or as a group, we share what we heard.
4. Wonder together: What might the Spirit be saying to us through this story?
5. Close with a brief prayer.

There is no pressure to analyze or explain. We simply listen — to Scripture, to the Spirit, and to one another. You may even wish to jot down your thoughts in a prayer journal. Over time, this practice shapes a community that is more attentive, more patient, and more open to God’s leading.

#### Dwelling in the Word at Home

You are also invited to use the same weekly passage at home. A simple bookmark-style guide is available to help individuals and households practice Dwelling in the Word in just 5–10 minutes a day. The pattern is the same: read, notice, reflect, pray. At home, return to the same passage throughout the week, listening anew each time. Whether done alone, with a spouse, or around the dinner table, this gentle rhythm helps keep us rooted in Scripture throughout the week.

For those who want to see the whole story of Acts and desire a daily reading guide, we are also offering a six-week guide that moves through Acts in short daily sections, five days a week. This keeps the whole story in view while giving space for reflection.

#### Why Acts? Why now?

Acts is a book for a church in motion — a church learning, grieving, adapting, and discovering new ways the Spirit is at work. It is a book full of honesty and hope. As Messiah walks through its own season of transition, Acts offers us companions for the journey: communities who faced uncertainty and found God leading them into new life.

My prayer is that this practice will help us listen more deeply — to God, to one another, and to the future the Spirit is preparing for us.

Small group and at-home guides for Dwelling in the Word with Acts, along with a 6-week Acts reading guide are available at Messiah’s Welcome Table. If you’d like help with any of this, please reach out. All are welcome.

In Christ,  
Pastor Steve Solberg  
Messiah Interim Pastor

#### CONTACT

Office hours: Tuesdays–Thursdays, 11 am–2 pm (*Other times can be arranged.*)  
*Contact the church office, and I’ll be back in touch with you as soon as I can.*

*You’re welcome to join the Dwelling in the Word group that meets over the Noon hour each Wednesday in Messiah’s Atrium.*

# Messiah Calendar

## Monday, May 25-Memorial Day

Church office Closed

10:00 am OWLs Walk

5:30 pm 11-Step Centering Prayer

7:00 pm AA

## Tuesday, May 26

11:00 am Staff Meeting

11:00 am Centering Prayer

1:00 pm Knotty Knitters

1:30 pm Publicity Team

## Wednesday, May 27

12:00 pm Dwelling in the Word

1:30 pm Brookridge Worship

4:30 pm VBS Meeting

6:00 pm Volunteer Appreciation  
Dinner

## Thursday, May 28

10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study

6:00 pm Global Mission

## Friday, May 29

9:00 am Senior Men's Bible Study

## Saturday, May 30

5:00 pm Worship

## Sunday, May 31

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal

8:30 am Worship-Traditional

9:30 am High School Graduates  
Recognition - Cake!

10:30 am Worship-Contemporary

## This is a Love Letter to the Bell Ringers

I am so grateful that all of you are committed to being members of Messiah's Bell Choir. You are the critical mass that makes it possible for us to provide music for services through out the year. Whether groups of 4, 8, or 12 you make wonderful music. I appreciate your dedication to rehearsal times, setting up on Saturday and arriving at 7:30am on Sunday mornings for the run-through.

Thank you for all the joy & fun you give me each year. - - Blessings - Judy

## Superior Conference Youth Group Events

### BOWLING & PIZZA

When: Sunday, June 7

Time: 4 pm – 6 pm

Where: River Rock Lanes (1011 North Rd, Ishpeming)

A \$5 donation is suggested

PLEASE RSVP: contact Messiah's office to RSVP

### DID YOU KNOW?

In July around 25 young people and adults from around our synod will be going to North Carolina to help with the ongoing work of Hurricane Helene cleanup. This includes one of Messiah's youth, Adelyn Davis. Thank you for your support of Adelyn and the others venturing out in service.

The group will arrive at their NC base camp on a Sunday afternoon and do some team building and learning about the disaster areas in which they will be serving. Monday through Wednesday will be spent at sites in need of recovery work, in partnership with Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) Carolinas. All tools and supplies will be provided by LDR Carolinas. Each day will end back at camp with a time to debrief the day and worship together. On Thursday, the group will have an Adventure Day. The week ends with worship on Friday before departing.

## In The Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pr. Steve Solberg 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. Steve Solberg: June 1-14, 20-30

Dave Horn: June 15-19

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our [July newsletter](#) is **Monday, June 15, 2026**.

### Messiah's Newsletter

May 24, 2026  
Volume 108, Issue 6

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

## Community Meal - June 3

Our next community meal will be on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:00 pm in Magnuson Hall. The meal will be a variety of soups & salad. A vegetarian option will be available. Please join us for a delicious meal on Wednesday, 6/3 at 6:00 pm. We look forward to it!

## Electronic Giving/Purchasing

We are updating our QR Code & will also have a new VENMO account soon. Look for these to return in the coming weeks.

## Messiah's Birthdays - June 2026

Monday 1	Ron Brow
Tuesday 2	Sandy Lindberg
Wednesday 3	Gayle Mack
Thursday 4	No birthdays
Friday 5	No birthdays
Saturday 6	Rick Beyers, Lois Kampe, Sally McQueen
Sunday 7	No birthdays
Monday 8	John Gustafson, John Kiltinen, Judy Quirk
Tuesday 9	No birthdays
Wednesday 10	Mary Beals, Karen Goins, Rulon Jewett, Carrie Ketchem
Thursday 11	Bruce Lindberg
Friday 12	Eleanor Gustafson, Maggie Lindholm, Lillian Tuimala
Saturday 13	No birthdays
Sunday 14	No birthdays
Monday 15	No birthdays
Tuesday 16	Jean Reynolds
Wednesday 17	Terry Langenberg, Ross Larson, Betsy Little
Thursday 18	Meghan MacPhee, Mylee Muscoe, Jane Phillips
Friday 19	Joel Tervo, Jan Vickstrom
Saturday 20	Carol Bell
Sunday 21	Mackenzie Beaudoin, Grace Chien
Monday 22	Betty Dellangelo
Tuesday 23	Marjorie Andersen
Wednesday 24	Clayton Evans, Elden Wilder
Thursday 25	Jon Magnuson, Logan Peterson, Sophia Sander
Friday 26	No birthdays
Saturday 27	Ellyn Delpier, Stephen Luty
Sunday 28	Jessica Boehlke, Simeon MacIvor-Andersen

Monday 29 Jaime Olson

Tuesday 30 Melissa Hill, Chuck Suckow

## Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to the following couples in June:

Rich & Kirsten Matthews	June 2
Tim & Angela Weir	June 4
Bob & Sue Hewitt	June 6
Ken & Jan Skytta	June 7
Dirk & Gayle VanOsdol	June 7
Wayne & Jane Phillips	June 8
Karen Eldevick & Chip Truscon	June 9
Allan & Sara Johnson	June 11
Kerry McGinley & Karen Burkman	June 14
Mike & Joan Hill	June 15
Tom & Jeannie Wagner	June 15
Dan Kilpela & Gwen Storm	June 16
John & Linnea Gustafson	June 19
Dan Niemi & Tanya Jennings	June 21
Jack & Anna Mendelin	June 21
Dave & Mary Lou Blomquist	June 23
Matt & Kerry Wiese	June 23
Michael & Traci Busick	June 26
Brad & Holly Muscoe	June 26
Josh & Holly Sundman	June 29
Peg Bagley & her husband	June 30

## Messiah's Vacation Bible School!

Join us this summer at Messiah for some God-lovin' fun! Children pre-k-5th grade are invited to use their brain power to learn about connection- to God, to one another, and to the world around us! Kids will discover how faith calls us to connection through hands-on learning. Each day includes worship and drama, Bible study, art and science explorations, brain-building challenges, and active games. You won't want to miss this! Register using the link on Messiah's webpage.

Want to help? We are still looking for some supply donations. Please check the list on the welcome table, near the office, if you are willing to contribute!

## Messiah's Jam Ministry

Rebecca Ulland is the sole jam-maker in this endeavor and is wondering if you, YES YOU, would like to be a part of the jam ministry. There are all levels of support, from donating bags of sugar, to picking or supplying berries and other fruit. However, the biggest need is for more jam-makers.

Are you an expert and want to share what you have with our community? Have you ever thought about making jam but don't know where to start? In both cases, YOU ARE WELCOME to join the jam ministry. I love to teach jam-making and would be happy to help you get started. Please contact me if you're interested in supporting Messiah's Jam Ministry. All support is welcome! Thank you! Rebecca Ulland (contact the office for her cell or email)

## UP Wild Event

Sunday, June 28

This is a Wild Church Service at 4:00 pm held at the Presque Isle Gazebo.

## Building & Grounds Team

Messiah's Building & Grounds Team will be meeting on Thursday, June 4th at 5:00 pm. At this meeting, the team will be discussing & setting a date for parking lot clean-up/re-paint lines, etc. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered on our Spring Clean-Up day in May. We had 18 volunteers here, raking & pulling weeds and sprucing up the church property along with our two rentals. Thanks to all of you for helping!

## Lions Club Fundraiser

The Marquette Lions Club is asking for your support with our annual Flag Rental Fundraiser. For a donation of \$35 or more the Marquette Lions will place a flag in your front yard over the summer holidays. Flags will be put out before the 4th of July, and Labor Day weekend, and then picked up shortly after each holiday. All proceeds will be used for support of community needs involving childhood cancer, vision, and hunger. If you are interested in supporting our club, please call or text Lion Kerry McGinley at 231-250-1092.

## 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!

## Devotions Link

[www.prayfaithfully.org](http://www.prayfaithfully.org) is an on-line devotional reading service maintained by the Northern Great Lakes Synod and written by various pastors and laypersons.

## Lectionary Readings - June 2026

### June 7

First Reading  
Gospel

### 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15—6:6  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

### June 14

First Reading  
Gospel

### 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a  
Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

### June 21

First Reading  
Gospel

### 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Matthew 10:24-39

### June 28

First Reading  
Gospel

### 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Matthew 10:40-42

## Passages

### In Sympathy to:

- \* Lori Nelson & family upon the passing of her mother, Deanna Nelson, who passed away on May 2, 2026. A funeral will be held at a later date in Munising.
- \* Scott Krah and family upon the passing of his father Bill.
- \* Family & friends of David Dill who passed away on May 10, 2026. The family is holding a private memorial service in his memory.

### In Celebration of:

- \* Ron & Jane Brow's new granddaughter Emma Margaret Brow. Her parents are Brad & Alyssa Brow. Emma was born on April 28 weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces & she is 21 inches long. Congratulations to all of you!
- \* Laurel Kniskern getting elected to the Fortune Lake Board, this is a three year term. Thank you for your service Laurel!

## Brookridge Worship - June 24

Messiah has a worship service on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm. Our next worship at Brookridge will be on Wednesday, June 24th at 1:30 pm. Please join us for this worship service if you are able.

## Council Highlights

Greetings to our Messiah family from your Church Council. The council meets the third Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 pm in room 202. Meetings are open to all congregation members.

### TRANSITION TEAM FORMATION

In addition to our normal meeting, this month we also met with Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Sharolyn Swenson to learn more about the transition process. We are now ready to begin forming our six-person Transition Team, who will begin work in late June or July. Application forms will be available in the church office.

The Transition Team's leadership over the next half year will help Messiah use this transitional season for meaningful spiritual growth while discerning God's future for the congregation. The goal of the transition work is to listen to God, one another, and our neighbors in such a way that we better discern who God is calling us to be in this place and who God will send to work among us as a pastor(s).

As the Transition Team leads in this, they will write Messiah's Ministry Site Profile, the document which will be read by prospective pastors looking for a call. In the coming months, the Team will hold congregational gatherings in which they can report discoveries, listen, and ultimately present a draft of the Ministry Site Profile to the congregation.

### HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Several applications for the Team have been received, but the application process has not yet ended. If you are interested, you can pick up an application at the office; the commitment needed to serve on the team is described on the application. Applications must be received in the office by 4:30 pm Wednesday, June 10.

Council also invites all of Messiah, members & visitors alike, to a gathering for healing and next steps into Messiah's future. Please join Council on Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 pm (*Another Step in Healing & Transition, Conversation with Council*) for conversation around the tables in Magnuson Hall, together sharing concerns of the past & hopes for our future.

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP UPDATE

We continue to fill out the schedule for worship service leaders, and now have commitments for all but three weekends through the end of September. Approximately the first weekend of each month, services will be led by a Lay Preacher; it is important to note that there will be no communion at those services. A schedule of upcoming preachers can be found elsewhere in this (and all future) editions of The Messenger (*next page*), and also will be announced at each service.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW UPDATE

The review of Messiah's "financial health" progresses. The NGLS Treasurer has received our self-assessment and related documentation, and will be providing her advice sometime this Summer. We are optimistic that all will be found in order.

### CLOSING BLESSING

We look forward to sharing more updates as the Transition Team forms and begins its work.

Peace be with you all,

Mark Petrie,

Council President

## Upcoming Events in May, June & July

May 27	OWLs visit the Trillium House
May 27	Brookridge Worship at Brookridge Heights at 1:30 pm
May 27	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at 6:00 pm
May 31	Recognize High School Seniors in our church family
June 3	Community Meal at 6:00 pm
June 7	'Another Step in Healing & Transition, Conversation with Council' 2:00 pm in Magnuson Hall
June 10	Transition Team Applications Due
June 13	UP Pride Fest - Lower Harbor Park
June 15	Articles due for July Newsletter
June 17	Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
June 18	Church office closed in observance of Juneteenth (6/19)
June 22	VBS all week from 1:00 - 4:00 pm through Friday, 6/26
June 28	10:30 am worship at Clark Lambros Beach
July 6	Church office closed in observance of the 4th of July (7/4)

## Preaching Schedule

May 23/24	Guest Preacher - Pr. Elizabeth Hazel from Park Falls, WI
May 30/31	Guest Preacher - Pr. Jon Magnuson
June 6/7	Pr. Steve Solberg will be our preacher
June 13	Guest Preacher - Bishop Katherine Finegan at 5:00 pm
June 14	Guest Preacher - Pr. Eugene Cho, Bread for the World
June 20/21	Guest Preacher - Pr. Jon Magnuson
June 27/28	Pr. Steve Solberg (10:30 am svc is at Clark Lambros Beach)
July 4/5	Dave Blomquist, Lay Leader ( <i>no communion served</i> )

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## High School Seniors - May 31st

We would like to congratulate the following seniors upon their graduation at the end of May: Sarah Bleckiner, Elise Busick, Devin Fortin & Esme Ulland-Joy. We will be celebrating this achievement on Sunday, May 31st at our 10:30 am worship service. We will enjoy a cake in their honor at our coffee hour that morning starting just after 9:30 am. Please join us in the celebration of our graduates.

### A little bit about each of them below!

\* **Sarah Bleckiner** - Sarah currently attends MSHS. She was an honor roll student & was also a part of the Michigan Schools Vocal Music Association (Honors Choir and Solo & Ensemble). Sarah also was a part of the Superior Arts Youth Theatre, Community Theatre & a Sunday School Music Assistant Teacher. Sarah plans to attend Lawrence University in Appleton to pursue a degree in Music Education. Congratulations Sarah!

\* **Elise Busick** - Elise currently attends MSHS. She has received the following awards from dance: HALO (Help & Love Others) and CROWN (Confident, Respectful, Outstanding, Wing, Noteworthy along with many other competition medals & pins. She has also received the following Cheer awards: Most Coachable, Sentinel Athlete & Best All Around. She has been on the Honor Roll as well as the National Honor Society & has received Varsity Letters for athletics & academics. In Junior Golf she received the Larry "Fungo" Heiskanen Scholarship Award & from the UP Regional Blood Center she received The Red Cord Donation Award. As you can see her extra activities include Marquette Jr. Golf, MSHS Varsity Golf, Varsity Cheerleading, Dawn Dott Dance & Adina Pearl/Dawn Dott Dance Competition Team. She is currently a host at Applebees. Her plans are to continue working over the summer and attend NMU in the fall pursuing a career in helping others, somewhere between a teacher or something in the medical field. Congratulations Elise!

\* **Devin Fortin** - Devin currently attends MSHS. He has been on the Honor Roll for his Junior & his Senior year. He has placed 1st in the UP Boys Bowling for Teams. Devin has been on the bowling team for all four years; he has been involved in football for one year and he has participated in the Sentinel Chorale for all four years of High School. Devin plans to pursue a career in the trades. Congratulations Devin!

\* **Esme Ulland-Joy** - Esme currently attends MSHS and has been a part of the Academic All-State and All-State Cross Country. She has received the Excellence in Education award and a Kaufman Award. In the fall she will attend the University of Michigan. Congratulations Esme!

## What is Centering Prayer?

Centering prayer is a form of silent prayer that emphasizes resting in God's presence through silence & 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 during the week as a piece of their faith life.

## Centering Prayer

*Martha, Martha you are worried and anxious about many things ... Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her. - Luke 10:62*

Martha and Mary are two complementary dimensions of our humanness. Without Mary's stillness at the center – sitting at the feet of the Teacher and listening – we become like Martha, worried and discontented.

There is nothing wrong with Martha's activity. It is her motivation or intention that is in question. Her anxiety and worry keep her in turmoil and prevent her from being present. She is troubled about many things but only one is necessary. The roar of the Martha mind and emotions drown out the Mary heart. Before we know it, we are acting as if we are separate from God or God is absent.

This story is a wonderful example of the focus we can bring to everyday life activities. Mary and Martha are like two lenses; through the process of transformation these two ways of seeing and being can become one. We usually live alternating between the two lenses, now active, now contemplative, back and forth. Through our practices and God's grace, these two lenses may come into alignment so that we are able to rest in God in all activity, becoming true contemplatives in action.

The Contemplative Life Program 40-day practice, [Welcoming Prayer Consent on the Go](#)

Opportunities to practice centering prayer: Here at Messiah (see calendar) and also online via Zoom at [www.meditationchapel.org](http://www.meditationchapel.org) or online with Minnesota Contemplative Outreach.

--- *Laura Petrie*

## Clean-Up After UP Rainbow Pride

The Marquette UP Rainbow Pride event is Saturday, June 13th at the Lower Harbor Park. Those of us in faith communities in Marquette County have been asked to send volunteers to the Lower Harbor on Sunday Morning, June 14th at 9:00 am to assist with the clean-up. We were hoping to have 3-5 volunteers from Messiah to help them. Might this be you? If you are interested, please contact the church office. Thank you!

## Global Fair Trade Market

In 2023 & 2024, members of the Global Mission Team hosted a Fair Trade Market in November, here at Messiah. This Market is a sustainable way to directly support artisans from around the world, some of whom our congregation has cultivated direct relationships. The shopping experience supplies you with unique gift items, funds fair-trade communities, and highlights the beliefs of Messiah Lutheran within the Marquette community. However, orchestrating the logistics of the Market requires volunteers from our church. We are currently evaluating the feasibility of continuing with the Fair Trade Market. Volunteers are needed to order and label items, assist with the market budget, and help on market day with set-up, take-down, and cashier stations. If you have any interest in volunteering with the Market, please contact the church office.

## 2026 Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly-May 16

Theme: 1 Corinthians 3:6- “Paul planted, Apollos watered and God gave the growth”.

Messiah was represented by: Marina Shinkarenko and David and Mary Lou Blomquist\*

This year’s assembly was hybrid in nature with participants in 8 different sites around the Synod, and online at home. Our Superior Conference met at Bethany Lutheran in Ishpeming. There were 227 total members meeting at the 8 sites, representing the 77 congregations in our UP and Northern Wisconsin synod. The highlights included:

1. Remarks from ELCA Presiding Bishop Curry. “We are a connected church in three ways, congregation, synod and national church with 2.7 million ELCA members. We are called to serve beyond our walls.”
2. Sermon from NGLS Bishop Katherine Finegan. “We can plant and water, but that is all – God gives the growth, and it is under darkness that growth and new life happens.”
3. Remarks from NGLS Assistant Bishop Sharolyn Swensen. “God is doing new things in the church. The fires have burned – we need to stoke the embers.”
4. Synod VP Chuck Thomas – “We must encourage leadership in ways that are different than we used to do it”.

The gathering also heard reports of committees and church partners, passed seven resolutions relating to the life of our synod, honored pastors with long years of experience and those who are retiring this year – and remembered those who have died since the last assembly. Also passed a Synod budget of \$1,115,481 in restricted and unrestricted funds for 2026-27 & elected members to the Synod council. A worship service with communion was conducted at all 8 sites, with offerings taken for World Hunger.

## Announcements:

1. National Youth Gathering – July 28-August 2 in Minnesota.
2. Synod Youth Gathering at Fortune Lake – August 13-18.
3. FORTUNE LAKE IS NOT JUST FOR KIDS – Check out the schedule!
4. U.P. Wild Church now has seven ministries. (Ecumenical).
5. The schedule for Lifelong Learning Opportunities coursework was announced.
6. Next year’s Assembly will be held April 22-24 at NMU – IN PERSON

*\*Also in attendance from Messiah -- Pr. Solberg and Dan & Traci Zini who worked on the mammoth task of coordinating the technology between eight different sites.*

## 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.

## 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.

June Razors (male/female)

July Deodorant (male/female)

## 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!

## In Our Prayers

*Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time:* Those who seek help from our financial assistance program; Farmers and ranchers in Kansas & Nebraska affected by drought and wildfires; Scott Krah & family upon the passing of his father; Lori Nelson & family upon the passing of her mother; Deanna; John Kiltinen; Lisa Balko; Roger; Vicki Wicklund; Karen Sundeen; Linda Ruohoniemi; Charlie Blake; Rick; Sam Elder; Doug Morton; Jackie Greising; Al Ortlieb; Ruth Koehler; Sherrie Wagner; Betsy; Carrie Oslund; John & Rose Collins; Katie; Mary Ruman; Jeremy; Sally Olson; Carol Bell; Dorothy; Karen; Don Hillegas; Grant; Kai Dolan; Samantha; Ted; Bruce Lindberg; Grace Chien; Jamie; Donna; Brian; Ben; Evelyn; Akira Carlson; Karen Eldevick; Grace; Shannon; Marshall Lovan Magnuson; Peter; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; 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!*

## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp News

### Light the Fire for Fortune Lake - May 31

The Fortune Lake Board of Directors invites you to our 3rd Annual Light the Fire for Fortune Lake, a community-centered evening of friends, family, faith, and fellowship around the campfire as we raise funds for Fortune Lake!

We are excited to kick off the summer camp season and to celebrate the work of God through our beloved camp. All are welcome and there is no fee to participate. There will be an invitation in support of Summer Camp at Fortune Lake.

There are seven churches around our synod who will be hosting simultaneous campfire events. It will also be on Facebook LIVE. In our conference, Bethany Lutheran Church in Ishpeming (715 Mather Ave.) is hosting the campfire at 6:30 pm on Sunday, May 31. If you are joining in person, please bring an outdoor chair or blanket to sit on.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:office@messiahlutheran-mqt.org). The cost of the Radio Broadcast or Livestream sponsorship is \$110.00 each.

## OWLs (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Every Monday at 10:00 am the OWLs walk at the Dome. After their walk, they go to Provisions for coffee. They walk at different rates and all are welcome. If you're not interested in walking, join them for coffee. Questions? Please contact Betsy or the church office.

## Visitors this Summer!

This Summer we look forward to another visit from our church friends in WI. The group from Norway Grove will be here, late July helping with the Habitat for Humanity Group in our area. They will stay with us at Messiah during their visit. They will arrive on Monday, July 20 and stay through Saturday, July 25.

We will also have a visit from Danny Stone & his youth group from his church in Iowa this summer. They will arrive on Monday, July 27th, stay with us for the week & head back to Iowa on Sunday, August 2nd. He tries to get here to visit with his youth group every other year. Danny Stone had worked here at Messiah years ago as our Youth Director. Welcome home for a week Danny!

## Pastor Steve Invites You...

To meet WEDNESDAYS at NOON for "DWELLING IN THE WORD." Bring your lunch, if you wish, to Messiah's Atrium and dwell in God's Word with fellow disciples and seekers. Pastor Steve is reserving the whole Noon hour but come for the time & times you're able. Together we'll reflect using the story of God's people led by the Holy Spirit in Acts.

What is "Dwelling in the Word"? It is a simple, prayerful practice many congregations use to listen more deeply to Scripture and to one another. A short passage is read aloud slowly – usually more than once – with time for quiet reflection. Participants are invited to notice a word or phrase that stands out and to share what they hear God stirring in them. Over time, this shared listening helps us grow in trust, imagination, and clarity about where the Spirit may be leading next.

Interested, but can't make this day and time? Please contact the church office.

### **Quilting**

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

## 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.

## Messiahs Top Favorite Hymns & Songs

The ballots, all 73 of them, have been tabulated and the results are in! Messiah's Top Favorite Hymns and Songs (12 of them due to ties) are as follows:

- |                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Beautiful Savior   | 7 A Mighty Fortress is our God      |
| 2 Borning Cry        | 8 When Peace Like a River           |
| 3 Amazing Grace      | 9 Blessed Assurance                 |
| 4 How Great Thou Art | 10 Canticle of the Turning          |
| 5 Here I am Lord     | 11 Come Thou Font of Every Blessing |
| 6 On Eagle's Wings   | 12 Soon and very Soon               |

In the months of June & August, we will sing "Borning Cry" on June 20 & 21. "How Great Thou Art," on June 27 & 28. "When Peace Like a River" on August 8 & 9. The remainder will be sung in September, October, November and December. Various other hymns and songs named on the ballots will also be included during this summer and fall.

Keep your eyes and ears open and be ready to sing!

Thanks to all who joined in this fun endeavor. Now we will all share in the joy of worshipping our God!

## 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.

## Thank you Messiah!

Messiah Lutheran Church, Thank you for attending NMU's 9th Annual Gender Fair! We appreciate your support. The Fair coordinators hope you had a positive experience. We hope to see you again next year!

-- The Gender Fair Co-Coordinator 2026

## Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice

Drop-in Grief Support: Marquette – June 24th, 4:00 pm Grief doesn't follow a schedule - and neither do we. Our drop-in grief support group offers a safe, welcoming space for anyone navigating the loss of a loved one. Join us to share, listen, or simply be among others who understand. No registration required. Come as you are when you need it most. Takes place on the 4th Wednesday of every month. No registration or affiliation to our hospice is required. 914 W. Baraga Ave. Marquette.

Caregiver Support Groups Marquette – June 10th, 2:00 pm 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. Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice Office, 914 W. Baraga Ave.

Telephone Based Caregiver Support Group: June 17th 2:00 pm. 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 our new **phone-based** support group. For family, friends, and other caregivers who are caring for a person with a chronic illness or disability. This group is a great opportunity for caregivers who are unable to leave the person they are caring for. Please call Jamie Barbieri at 906.225.7760.

Grieving... Before Goodbye? Understanding Anticipatory Grief and the Emotions that come *Before* Loss.

Are you caring for someone and feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or grieving...even before a loss? You are not alone. When someone you care for is declining, grief doesn't always wait. Presented by: Lisa Marttila, Social Worker & Bereavement Coordinator

Held on June 10th, 2:00 pm at Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice office located at 914 W. Baraga Ave in Mqt. This is FREE and open to the public.

Join us to learn: What anticipatory grief really is, why it happens before a loss, how to cope with difficult emotions, and ways to care for yourself while caring for others.

Walking with Purpose – Camino for Hospice - Hospice volunteer Bart Carroll set out on a 520-mile journey along the Camino de Santiago in Spain- turning every step into support for hospice patients and families. Now he's back to share stories, reflections, and the powerful impact of walking with purpose.

You're Invited! Join us for an inspiring afternoon as Bart shares stories and photos from his pilgrimage!

Held on June 28th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Ore Dock Brewing -114 Spring St. in Mqt

## 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 pastor or Jen know. We will need to get permission before we include anyone's name in the worship prayers.

## June 2026 Worship Volunteers

Saturday, June 6 - 5:00 pm  
Assisting Minister 1  
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, June 7 - 8:30 am  
Assisting Minister 1  
Reader 1  
Ushers 2                    Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder  
Communion Assts. 4  
Greeters 2                    Al and Gail Edgar

Sunday, June 7 - 10:30 am  
Assisting Minister 1  
Reader 1  
Ushers 2  
Communion Assts. 4  
Greeters 2  
Projection Technician 1

Saturday, June 13 - 5:00 pm  
Assisting Minister 1  
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, June 14 - 8 :30 am  
Assisting Minister 1  
Reader 1                    Fred Maynard  
Ushers 2  
Communion Assts 4  
Greeters 2

Sunday, June 14 -10:30 am  
Assisting Minister 1  
Reader 1  
Ushers 2  
Communion Assts 4  
Greeters 2  
Projection Technician 1  
Saturday, June 20- 5:00 pm  
Assisting Minister 1  
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, June 21 - 8:30 am  
Assisting Minister 1     Brenda Blett  
Reader 1  
Ushers 2  
Communion Assts. 4  
Greeters 2                    Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Sunday, June 21 - 10:30 am  
Assisting Minister 1  
Reader 1  
Ushers 2  
Communion Assts. 4  
Greeters 2  
Projection Technician 1

Saturday, June 27 - 5:00 pm  
Assisting Minister 1  
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, June 28 - 8:30 am  
Assisting Minister 1     Brenda Blett  
Reader 1  
Ushers 2  
Communion Assts 4  
Greeters 2

Sunday, June 28 - 10:30 am - At the Beach  
Ushers 2  
Communion Asst 1

## **Messiah's Church Staff:**

### **Pastoral Staff:**

Interim Pastor.....Steve Solberg

### **Support Staff:**

Parish Administrator .....Jennifer Dodge

Administrative Assistant .....Kathy Gowen

Parish Accountant .....Mike Hill

Financial Secretary.....Anne Rydholm

### **Music Staff:**

Music/Choir Director.....Sara Pariss

Organist/Pianist.....Kathy Strazzinski

Jon Bamitt

Bell Choir Director.....Judy Quirk

Pianist.....Jacob Schmeltzer

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