

# Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Answering God's call to love

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## Messiah ENewsletter for June 10, 2026

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*Messiah Lutheran Church seeks to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion.*

*We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant and eternal life.*

*We may not always be as welcoming as we should be, but this is our intention—all are welcome!*

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### Upcoming Events – June

- June 10 Dwelling in the Word at 12:00 pm
- June 10 Transition Team Applications Due
- June 11 Bible Study at 10:30 am
- June 11 Stewardship Team at 1:00 pm

June 12 Pineshears Tree Service at 8:00 am and at 1:00 pm  
June 13 UP Pride Fest – Lower Harbor Park from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
June 15 Articles due for July Newsletter  
June 15 11-Step Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm  
June 15 VBS Planning at 6:30 pm  
June 16 Rachel Circle at 9:00 am  
June 16 Centering Prayer at 11:00 am  
June 16 Finance Committee at 5:15 pm  
June 17 Dwelling in the Word at 12:00 pm  
June 17 Council Meeting at 6:30 pm  
June 18 Church Office closed in observance of Juneteenth (6/19)  
June 18 Canceled – 10:30 am Bible Study

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### **Help Needed with Communion Set Up**

We need 1-2 more volunteers to set up communion for both services on Sundays. If you can help with this, please let Jen or Kathy know. Training will be provided.

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### **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.

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### **Superior Conference Youth Group Event**

#### **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.

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### **Preaching Schedule**

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 service is at Clark Lambros Beach)  
July 4/5      Dave Blomquist, Lay Leader (*no communion served*)

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### **Clean-Up After UP Rainbow Pride**

The Marquette UP Rainbow Pride event is on 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!

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### **Food Donations Needed**

Messiah now has two shelving units by the inside of the "canopy door" where food donations can be placed. Most of the food is going to people who come to Messiah and need food assistance. If Messiah has excess food, it is brought to the Salvation Army in Marquette.

Suggested food items:

- \*cans of tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter, canned beans
- \* whole grain cereals, rolled oats, rice and pasta
- \*canned fruits and vegetables
- \*cooking oil – canola or olive oil, pasta sauce, basic dried spices
- \*applesauce, granola bars, juice boxes, baby foods (jars or pouches)
- \*shelf-stable microwaveable meals

Please check expiration dates & do not bring expired items. Take a minute to look at Messiah's food shelves and decide what you can donate. Any donations are appreciated. Thank you!

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### **Messiah's 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:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 Canticale 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!

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### **Messiah's Vacation Bible School! – June 22-26 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

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 donated supplies to make the program successful. Please check the list on the welcome table, near the office, if you are willing to contribute!

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### **Bowls for a Cause**

Turned Wooden Bowls are available for a donation to the community assistance fund. They are located next to the homemade jams in the narthex. All bowls are homemade and are finished with a food safe finish. If you have questions about the bowls, they can be directed to Paul Carstens at pcarsten@alumni.nmu.edu.

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### **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!

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### **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.

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### **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 Jane Phillips for more information.

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### **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. -

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **Council Highlights**

Greetings to our Messiah family from your Church Council. The council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each 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

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## **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.*

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## **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 (906.236-3722)

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## **Youth News**

### **CONFIRMATION**

Our confirmation ministry is being lived out together with partner congregations of our Northern Great Lakes Synod Conference 8. Each month our confirmands gather with youth from these partners at our various church sites. The final confirmation gathering for this school year will be Saturday, May 9th (9:00 am – Noon) at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. What gift these young people are to us! Thank you for your support and encouragement of each one, currently, Kayleigh Beaudoin, Evan Busick, Adelyn Davis, Brooklyn Fortin, William Kaurala, Violet Rector, Bronce Reece, Sophie Sander, and Emma Ziegler. Confirmation ministry is a three-year journey in which young people explore the basics of Christian faith, Scripture, and Lutheran identity, supported by caring adults and the life of the congregation. Its purpose is to help students grow in trust in God, ask real questions, and prepare to affirm their baptism in community.

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### **OWLs (Older, Wiser Lutherans)**

It appears that spring has arrived so the OWLs will start walking at the Lower Harbor Mattson Park. We meet on Mondays at 10:00 am and we walk at our own speed. If the weather is iffy, plan on walking at the Dome. All are welcome. After walking, we go to Provisions for coffee. Meet us for coffee if you don't feel like walking. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Little or the church office.

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### **The New Free Store Donations**

The New Free Store is an inter-faith, non-profit group supporting people who express a need for free clothing, linens, hygiene & cleaning supplies. Anyone in need is welcome. Free things are offered as "in God's economy three is always enough." There is a collection bin in our narthex at Messiah for The New Free Store. They are currently collecting:

\***June** – *Razors (male/female)*

\***July** – *Deodorant (male/female)*

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## **Devotions Link**

<https://nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully/> is an on-line devotional reading service maintained by the Northern Great Lakes Synod and written by various pastors and laypersons.

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## **Messiah Birthdays**

June 10 Mary Beals, Karen Goins, Rulon Jewett, Carrie Ketchem  
June 11 Bruce Lindberg  
June 12 Eleanor Gustafson, Maggie Lindholm, Lillian Tuimala  
June 13 No birthdays  
June 14 No birthdays  
June 15 No birthdays  
June 16 Jean Reynolds  
June 17 Terry Langenberg, Ross Larson, Betsy Little  
June 18 Meghan MacPhee, Mylee Muscoe, Jane Phillips  
June 19 Joel Tervo, Jan Vickstrom  
June 20 Carol Bell  
June 21 Mackenzie Beaudoin, Grace Chien  
June 22 Betty Dellangelo  
June 23 Marjorie Andersen  
June 24 Clayton Evans, Elden Wilder

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## **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

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### **In the Hospital**

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pr. Steve Solberg would like to visit you while you are there. If you are unable to notify Messiah, please ask a family member to do so.

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### **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.

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### **In Our Prayers**

*Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time:* Those who seek help from our financial assistance program; Sherry Watters; Renee Goyen; Stuart Harslah; Peggy Letvenow; Farmers and ranchers in Kansas & Nebraska affected by drought and wildfires; John Kiltinen; Lisa Balko; Roger; Karen Sundeen; Linda Ruohoniemi; Charlie Blake; Sam Elder; Doug Morton; Jackie Greising; Art Ortlieb; Ruth Koehler; Sherrie Wagner; Betsy; Carrie Oslund; John Collins; Katie; Mary Ruman; Jeremy; Sally Olson; Carol Bell; Dorothy; Karen; Rose Collins; Don Hillegas; Grant; Kai Dolan; Samantha; Ted; Bruce Lindberg; Jamie; Donna; Brian; Ben; Evelyn; Akira Carlson; Karen Eldevick; Shannon; Marshall Lovan Magnuson; Peter; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Wayne Hanmer; Judy Donckers; Sierra; Charlene Avery

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### **Pastor on Call:**

Pastor Steven Solberg is on call June 10-17

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## **Worship Volunteers**

### **Saturday, June 13 – 5:00 pm in atrium**

Assisting Minister: Carol Bell  
Communion Assistant: Karen Kimar-Johnson

Provide Refreshments:

### **Sunday, June 14 -- 8:30 am in sanctuary, on 101.9 FM, Vimeo/Facebook**

Assisting Minister: Jen Bleckiner  
Reader: Fred Maynard  
Ushers: Sten Taube, Bruce Robertson  
Communion Assistants: Beth Krznarich, Marina Shinkarenko, Judy Quirk, **one more needed**  
Greeters: Marina Shinkarenko, Chris Harkness

Nursery: Sarah Bleckiner  
Refreshments: Karen Kimar-Johnson

### **Sunday, June 14 –10:30 am in sanctuary, on Vimeo/Facebook**

Assisting Minister: Molly Luty  
Reader: Jeanne Groos  
Ushers: Paula Diedrich, Amy Diedrich  
Communion Assistants: Marina Shinkarenko, Linda Chapman, Sandy Lindberg, **one more needed**  
Greeters: Nancy Raisanen, Marina Shinkarenko  
Projection Technician: Inga Banitt

Nursery: Sarah Bleckiner  
Flower Delivery: Gayle Van Osdol

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## **Radio Broadcast & Livestream Sponsorship**

We need 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 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](mailto:office@messiahlutheranmqt.org). The cost of the Radio Broadcast or Livestream sponsorship is \$110.00 each.

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## **Announcements and Classified Ads**

### **Caregiving in Times of Serious Illness – June 10**

On Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm in Messiah's Sanctuary, Larry Skendzel, MD, will be making a presentation on "What Love Says: Caregiving in Times of Serious Illness." This is part of The Coming Home Project, a community-wide initiative provided as public service by collaborative effort of the Cedar Tree Institute and regional medical providers. Craig Kitchen will be offering a musical framework that evening from his collection of "Singing bowls." Larry, a former family physician in Marquette, is currently medical director at the Gundersen Medical Center in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

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### **Marquette City Band Summer Concert Series – Beginning June 11**

The Marquette City Band presents its annual summer concert series (their 140<sup>th</sup> season) beginning on Thursday, June 11. "An Old-Fashioned Town Band Concert" will be held in the Marquette Commons on Thursday, June 11 at 7:30 pm. The rain location is NMU Reynolds Recital Hall. Admission is free and donations are appreciated. Learn more at [marquettcityband.com](http://marquettcityband.com).

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### **Concert for the Ukraine War Victims – June 12**

There will be a concert to benefit the Ukraine war victims on Friday, June 12 at 7:00 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church. The concert will feature pianist Robert Buchkoe and a vocal chorus. Musical selections will include classical piano solos and choral music by Ukrainian composers. Admission is free; a free-will offering for the victims of the war will be taken.

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### **Pine Mountain Music Festival Marquette Events – June 14, 19, and 26**

The Pine Mountain Music Festival will hold three events in Marquette. On June 14, "A Little Light Music" will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7:30 pm. On June 19, the Bergonzi Trio will be at Messiah Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm and on June 26, "Upstarts" will be at First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 pm. Get tickets at [PMMF.org](http://PMMF.org).

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## **A Blessing of Trees – June 18**

You are invited to a Blessing of Trees at Messiah Lutheran Church on Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 pm. There will be presentations by Jeff Noble, former wild land firefighter, Lanni Lantto, U.P. Wild, and Jon Magnuson, the Cedar Tree Institute. Music will be by Michael Waite. 1,000 cedar tree seedlings will be available at the close of the evening for personal use or to help fund the project. The cedar tree seedlings are \$10 each.

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## **Planting Trees – June 20 and July 18**

An interfaith initiative to plant 1,000 Northern White Cedar Trees is scheduled for Saturday mornings on June 20 and July 18. Meet at Messiah Lutheran Church (305 W Magnetic) at 8:45 am for carpooling to Big Bay with the return planned for 1:00 pm. Rain or shine! Thanks to the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve and to volunteers from the wider community for making this happen.

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## **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 Memorial Day weekend, 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.

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## **Discovery Central Forest School ½ Day Preschool Enrollment**

The Discovery Central Forest School is enrolling preschoolers (2.5 to 5 yrs old) in their ½ day Pine classes. They offer 2 options: 9am to noon or 1pm to 4pm. Email now to save your spot for the fall. [smisale@discoverycentral.org](mailto:smisale@discoverycentral.org).

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## **Habitat for Humanity – Lunches Needed**

Habitat for Humanity is asking for help providing lunches to their volunteers for the 2026 building season. They need anywhere between 4 to 25 lunches on any given day. They always give advance notice to lunch donors regarding the number of lunches needed. You can volunteer in several ways. Call 906 228-3578 or 906 235-4925. . Select a date online via <https://www.yoopersunited.com/agency/detail/MCHFH>. Email [volunteers@mqthabitat.org](mailto:volunteers@mqthabitat.org). Visit the office at 2354 US 41 South in Marquette.

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## 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.

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## Financial Help for Cancer Patients

If you or someone you know is going through any financial hardships while going through cancer treatment, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Poirier of Cancer Care of Marquette County (CCMC). 906-362-9226 / [poirph@msn.com](mailto:poirph@msn.com) or Barb Salmela.

There are no income guidelines. Assistance can be for travel expenses, insurance co-pay, medical bills & medications related to cancer care. This organization is all volunteer based. Money to support is from fundraising, grants and donations. This organization is a 501c3/non-profit, so donations are tax deductible. But I cannot emphasize enough....to CALL if you need help.

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## 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

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## **Do you have an announcement?**

Send announcements & ads to Kathy Godec ([kathy@messiahlutheranmqt.org](mailto:kathy@messiahlutheranmqt.org)). Send concert or performance information, yard sale announcements, party invitations, requests for babysitters, yard maintenance, rooms for rent and items for sale. E-newsletter deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesdays.

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## **Pastoral Staff**

Interim Pastor – Steven Solberg

## **Office Staff**

Parish Administrator - Jennifer Dodge

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**Music Staff**

Director of Music – Sara Parks

Bell Choir Director - Judy Quirk

Organist/Pianist - Kathy Strazzinski and Jon Banitt

Pianists – Jacob Schmeltzer and Daniel Cipriano