

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

(with Nursery)

Sunday 10:30 am

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July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

* Bill Maki

Radio: To the Glory of God...

* from our Messiah family

Livestream: To the Glory of God...

* from our Messiah family

#MessiahConnects – Noticing God’s Work Among Us

Storytelling reminds us of our identity — who we are and Whose we are. We are children of a loving God, connected by grace to faith, to each other, and to the world God loves. #MessiahConnects is a simple way to notice and name those connections.

When we gather small moments of ministry into one shared story, we begin to see more clearly how God is already at work among us. In a world where so much can pull us apart, storytelling draws us together. #MessiahConnects is simply a gentle way to pay attention — and to give thanks — for the connections God is creating every day.

Where this began

This summer at Vacation Bible School, our children taught us something simple and joyful. They used the phrase #KidsConnect to notice how God connects them with faith, with each other, and with the world. Their joy with curiosity inspired us — and now we’re inviting the whole congregation to join in a similar way.

We’re calling it #MessiahConnects.

What is a hashtag?

A hashtag is simply a social media label. When someone writes #MessiahConnects into a social media post, it marks a moment so it can be gathered with similar moments. It doesn’t join a group, doesn’t send anything to a company, and doesn’t require an account. It’s just a way of saying:

“This is one of the ways God is connecting us.”

And if someone somewhere else uses the same hashtag, it doesn’t affect us here in Marquette. Hashtags aren’t owned or reserved; their meaning comes from the community using them. Our consistent use will define what #MessiahConnects means at Messiah Lutheran.

A word of care

We know some people have concerns about social media — its distractions, its overuse, and the ways it can pull attention away from real relationships. Those concerns matter.

So let’s be clear: #MessiahConnects is not about pushing anyone toward social media. It’s not about increasing screen time. It’s not about replacing face-to-face relationships.

It’s simply a tool for noticing and celebrating the connections God is already creating among us.

A physical, low-tech way to participate

Because this is about connection — not screens — we’re also creating a #MessiahConnects Wall on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Think of it as a physical version of a Facebook “wall.”

You can:

- write a moment on a post-it note
- add a photo
- jot down a prayer
- name a kindness you witnessed
- describe a connection you noticed
- share a memory of our church’s history

And if you call or email the church office with something you’ve seen, we’ll add it to the wall for you. Everyone can participate, with or without technology.

Why storytelling matters

#MessiahConnects helps us:

- notice and celebrate ministry
- encourage participation
- strengthen real relationships by helping us see them
- show our congregation’s life to people who might never walk through our doors

These stories-digital and physical-will become the heartbeat of our life together.

Your invitation

In the weeks and months ahead, we invite you to notice connections. A handshake. A child’s laughter. A prayer shared. A volunteer helping behind the scenes.

And when you notice it, name it: “That’s #MessiahConnects.”

Share it with someone. Share it with the office. Share it online if you already use social media. Or add it to the #MessiahConnects Wall in the Narthex.

Welcome to #MessiahConnects.

In Christ,
Pastor Steve Solberg

Messiah Calendar

Monday, July 27

10:00 am OWLs Walk
5:30 pm 11-Step Centering Prayer
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday, July 28

11:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Centering Prayer
1:00 pm Knotty Knitters
1:30 pm Publicity Team

Wednesday, July 29

12:00 pm Dwelling in the Word

Thursday, July 30

10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study

Friday, July 31

9:00 am Senior Men's Bible Study

Saturday, August 1

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Worship-Traditional
10:30 am Worship-Contemporary

New QR Code for Venmo at Messiah!

Our new QR code for venmo transactions is up and running. It is on the back of each bulletin and posted near the coffee, chocolate, jam, tea, oil, etc



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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: August 1-31

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our September newsletter is **Monday, August 24, 2026.**

Messiah's Newsletter

July 26, 2026
Volume 108, Issue 8

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

Community Meal - August 5th

Our next community meal will be on Wednesday, August 5th at 6:00 pm in Magnuson Hall. The meal will be sub sandwiches and homemade potato salad. A vegetarian option will be available. Please join us for a delicious meal on Wednesday, August 5th at 6:00 pm. We look forward to it!

Confirmation Retreats Initial Gatherings – Building Community

Confirmation is a three-year learning program, with students starting in 7th grade and finishing in 9th grade. It is a combined program with churches across our conference.

Two gatherings coming soon for confirmands and parents to put on their calendars:

The first gathering with other conference congregation youth will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Negaunee on Sunday, September 20, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The schedule for the evening will include introductions of the pastors leading the program, dinner, worship, and congregational small groups to go over expectations.

Before that, however, Pastor Steve would like to gather with confirmands and parents (including those who have participated, those who will be participating, and those who are hoping to be confirmed this fall). This will be your opportunity to touch base with each other, catch Pastor Steve up, and organize Messiah's confirmation support for the coming year. Please watch for Pastor Steve's organizing emails for specific date and time of this meeting.

Messiah's Jam Ministry

The 2026 jam season is here and there is fresh JAM on the shelves!! Jam is \$5/jar for 8 oz. (half pint) jars. If you're lucky enough to find a sample 4 oz. jar, they are \$3/jar or 2 for \$5. You can leave your money at the office or use the convenient QR code located nearby to pay. THANK YOU to everyone who has donated rhubarb, peaches, and sugar. Your supplies made very tasty jam! If you'd like to donate fruit, sugar, or other supplies (jars, lids, rings), you can drop them off at the church office or contact me directly to coordinate. And remember, if you're interested in making jam (whether you're an expert or a novice or would like to learn), please contact Rebecca Ulland. You can get her number or email from the church office. Thank you!

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 atrium. 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.

Messiah's Birthdays - August 2026

Saturday 1	Jamie Dodge
Sunday 2	Fiona Fitzpatrick, Emma LeDuc, Kirsten Matthews, Dick Oslund
Monday 3	No birthdays
Tuesday 4	Myles Delpier, Holly Muscoe, Susanne Smith
Wednesday 5	No birthdays
Thursday 6	Jayme Bell, Larry Brunton, Jill Luoma, Ken Skytta
Friday 7	Renee Jewett
Saturday 8	Dick Goodney
Sunday 9	Karen Burkman, Ruth Robb
Monday 10	Peter Claybaker, Adrienne Wolf
Tuesday 11	Jeremy Braund, Landric Braund, Ann Johnson
Wednesday 12	No birthdays
Thursday 13	Daphne Greenwood, Justin Wild
Friday 14	Sara Morrison
Saturday 15	Lou Ann Balding, Alexis Hammerstrom
Sunday 16	Kayleigh Beaudoin, Brenda Blett
Monday 17	Della Slavsky
Tuesday 18	Oliver Davis, Ann Lahti
Wednesday 19	Elsie Busick, Kelley Mahar
Thursday 20	Kyle Smith
Friday 21	Dave Carlson
Saturday 22	No birthdays
Sunday 23	Karen Eldevick, Laura Petrie
Monday 24	No birthdays
Tuesday 25	Grayson Beaudoin
Wednesday 26	No birthdays
Thursday 27	Jaime Davis, Susan Feldhauser
Friday 28	Dave Boehlke

Saturday 29	Helen Lord Anderson, Kathy Peters, Bruce Robertson
Sunday 30	Mike Coyne
Monday 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
Marcia Heron & her husband	August 5
Andrew & Melissa Wilder	August 9
Paul & Linda Wainio	August 11
Dick & Lou Ann Balding	August 16
Roger & Lucy Contois	August 16
Mark & Sheryl Dellangelo	August 16
Dick & Laura Goodney	August 17
Dave & Jill Luoma	August 17
Tanner & Ellyn Delpier	August 18
Dick & Karen Oslund	August 18
Eric & Jessica Gummerus	August 20
Dave & Jessica Boelke	August 22
Cheryl Anderegg & her husband	August 23
Bruce & Joan Gauthier	August 24
Chuck & Jean Reynolds	August 26

Messiah's Food Pantry

Messiah now has two shelving units by the inside of the "canopy door" where food donations can be placed for the larger Marquette community. Most of the food is going to people who come to Messiah & need food assistance. If Messiah has excess food it is brought to Salvation Army in Marquette. Suggested food items for our pantry:

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

Please check expiration dates and 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! - - *Betsy Little*

UP Wild Event

Sunday, August 30 at 4:00 pm - Wild Church Service. Meeting at Presque Isle Gazebo (structure closest to break wall). Please bring your own folding chair.

Theme: Christ, the Light of Creation. We will have a wander & ponder activity for all ages. www.upwild.org

Brookridge Worship - Aug. 26

Messiah has a worship service at Brookridge Heights on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm. Our next worship at Brookridge will be on Wednesday, August 26 at 1:30 pm. Please join us for this worship service if you are able.

Assistance Fund Update

As of the middle of July we have distributed nearly \$40,000 which is the same amount we gave all year in 2024. Our office staff has scheduled 189 appointments and 178 have resulted in a personal interview.

A Reminder: When you purchase homemade jam or a hand crafted wooden bowl from the Fair Trade shelves in the Atrium, you are contributing to the Assistance Fund. Thanks to Grant Soltwisch, Rebecca Ulland and Paul Carstens for making these items available to this ministry.

Fortune Lake

Evergreen Camp – August 3-6, 2026 - For adults age 55+; an all inclusive program for older adults. Enjoy three nights/four days of interactive presenters, pontoon rides, paddle sports, pickle ball, Tai Chi, campfires, card games, meaningful worship experiences and as much social time as you want!

Nature Inspired: Fall Wellness Retreat – September 10-13, 2026 - For adults; join us for either 3 days (Friday-Sunday) or 4 days (Thursday-Sunday) to refresh, center yourself, and learn more about you and your body! Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp welcomes you back to our annual Wellness Retreat in partnership with Pam Roose of Inspiring Roots, LLC.

For more information or to register for these retreats, go to www.fortunelake.org.

LWR InGathering at Messiah

Messiah will have their Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Truck Loading day on Saturday, October 17th at 10:00 am. The truck will be here for one hour only.

If your Circle/Quilting group has boxes of kits/quilts to send, please record the following information for the office and call the numbers in by 10/15:

1. Number of quilts and/or kits your Circle/Quilting group has made.
2. Number of boxes that your quilts and/or kits are in.

Thank you!

Lectionary Readings - August 2026

August 2

First Reading
Gospel

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

First Reading
Gospel

11th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16

First Reading
Gospel

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 23

First Reading
Gospel

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

First Reading
Gospel

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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!

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* Lynda Trafton, Renee Messana & family upon the passing of their mother, Jan Vickstrom who passed away on July 16. Jan's visitation and funeral service were at Fassbender, Swanson on Saturday, July 25th.

* Family & friends of John Kiltinen upon his passing on July 18. His visitation will be at Messiah on Friday, August 14th at 10:00 am; his funeral service will follow at 11:00 am with a luncheon in Magnuson Hall after the service.

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.

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

Five applications were received, and all five applicants were approved by the Council at its June 17 meeting: Madalyn Dykema, Mike Hill, Paul Marin, Carol Steinhaus, and Ron Strazzinski. A sixth member is presently being sought from the council to serve as council/team liaison. The Transition Team will be formally introduced at all three weekend worship services September 19-20 so that the whole congregation may recognize, support, and pray for their work. Please watch for an upcoming invitation to a congregational gathering where the Team will begin its journey by listening to you and working together to discern Messiah's future vision and direction.

The team and council had an introductory meeting (via Zoom) with the synod and other transition teams on July 15. This was an introductory meeting for many across the synod (from those congregations without pastors to those who are looking toward revitalization). Dramatic change in our synod was cited: The 75 congregations of our NGLS are served by 31 pastors in a call, 8+ actively retired pastors (e.g., Pastor Solberg), 6 synod authorized ministers (i.e., licensed lay ministers), and 4 seminary students.

The goals of the transition process were cited as: writing a Ministry Site Profile, mission clarity, honing spiritual practices, renewed shared ministry, and navigating congregational culture change. Over the next months, Messiah's Transition Team will be equipped to pursue this through helping us address: Developing a comprehensive timeline of congregational history; What hospitality & welcome look like; Congregational Vitality & Sustainability Survey; Mission Detection in our neighborhood; and Our opportunity for growth.

COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS

The following actions were taken at the June meeting:

- Approved an honorarium to Pr. Mills for leading the June 7th council-congregation conversation.
- Approved Pr. Solberg's vacation request for August 30 – September 5.
- Authorized financial staff to set up a business Venmo account.
- Authorized the purchase of two wireless mics for worship leaders as recommended by our AV Technician, to replace the aging/failing mics.
- Decided to not pursue having Pr. Andrew's new iPad and accessories returned to the church.

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP UPDATE

We now have commitments for worship service leaders through the end of December. A reminder that there will be no communion at services led by a Lay Preacher. A schedule of upcoming preachers can be found elsewhere in this (and all future) editions of The Messenger, and also will be announced at each service.

CLOSING BLESSING

Peace be with you all,
Mark Petrie, Council President

Upcoming Events in August & September

Aug 5 Community Meal - Sub sandwiches, vegetarian subs available
Aug 16 10:30 am worship is at Clark Lambros Beach
Sept 2 Community Meal
Sept 13 Start of Sunday School & Rally Day Celebration
Sept 20 Bible Sunday for all 3 year olds, 3rd graders & 6th graders

Preaching Schedule

Aug 1/2 Grant Soltwisch, Lay Leader (*no communion served*)
Aug 8/9 Pr. Rell Spickerman
Aug 15/16 Pr. Jon Magnuson
Aug 22/23 Pr. Katie Larson, visitor from Colombia
Aug 29/30 Pr. Rell Spickerman

Beach Worship at Messiah

We will hold Beach Worship on two more Sundays this summer during our 10:30 am worship time. At each of these events we will meet at Clark Lambros Beach and we ask all those who attend to bring your own blanket or chair to sit on during worship. The dates for these special outdoor services are:

August 16th	10:30 worship	Pr. Jon Magnuson
September 6th	10:30 worship	Judy Quirk (<i>no communion served</i>)

Thank You from Pr. Molly

Dear Messiah Friends, a VERY belated thank you for all of the gifts given as we finished our time at Messiah and in Marquette. You helped us settle into our new home and do a lot of painting. We are just so grateful for your generosity and love. We are loving our new home with room enough for everyone and an awesome backyard. We adopted a dog! She's a sweet, 5 year old St. Bernard. Marigold just celebrated her 1st birthday and took her first steps. The new congregation is warm and welcoming but I often miss each one of you. Thank you for being the best first call I could ever have asked for. With love, Pr. Molly & family

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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 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.

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

What God arranges for us to experience at each moment is the best and holiest thing that could happen to us. – Jean-Pierre de Caussade

The Welcoming Prayer is an extension of Centering Prayer often considered "Consent on the Go". Consenting to God's presence and action in our physical and emotional reactions to events and situations in daily life.

If you are struggling with a negative emotion, the power of this prayer method is that it offers a structured way to embrace and accept it, so you can release it and move on.

**Welcome,
welcome, welcome.**

I welcome everything that comes to me today, because I know it's for my healing.

I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons, situations, and conditions.

I let go of my desire for power and control.

I let go of my desire for affection, esteem, approval and pleasure.

I let go of my desire for survival and security.

I let go of my desire to change any situation, condition, person or myself.

I open to the love and presence of God and God's action within.
Amen.

I often practice the Welcoming Prayer by listening to the prayer on YouTube. If you would like the link to my favorite version, contact the church office.

If you would like to know more about the Welcoming Prayer or Centering Prayer, join me on Mondays in room 202 @ 5:30 pm or Nancy Hamlin on Tuesdays @ 11:00 am. [Nancy H. is canceling Centering Prayer on Tuesday, **August 25th & Sept 1st**] -- article submitted by Laura Petrie

Help Needed with Communion Set Up

We need 1-2 more volunteers to set up communion for both services on Sundays. When we have ample volunteers, you would only have to commit to one Sunday/month. If you can help with this, please let Jen or Kathy know. Training will be provided.

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

Sept Shampoo; boxes of tampons/packages of pads

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; family & friends of John Kiltinen upon his passing; family & friends of Jan Vickstrom upon her passing; Jacelyn (pronounced Jack Lynn) Marra; Gloria Byrnes (pronounced Burns); Cassidy Eckloff; Larry Brunton; Sherry Watters; Renee Goyen; Stuart Harslah; Peggy Letvenow; farmers and ranchers in Kansas & Nebraska affected by drought and wildfires; Lisa Balko; Roger; Karen Sundeen; Linda Ruohoniemi; Charlie Blake; 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;; Jamie; Donna; Brian; Ben; Evelyn; Karen Eldevick; 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!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

During August & September Women Reaching Women Circle will be collecting donations of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. These kits are sent to children in need in our country & around the world.

A bin is available in the narthex for your donations. We also welcome cash contributions. Thank you for your help! The following items are needed:

- 70-sheet notebooks, wide- or college-ruled
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- Pencil sharpener
- Fiskars-type kids' scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 2 1/2" Pink Pearl-type eraser
- 30 cm ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one edge and inches on the other

2026 Fair Trade Market at Messiah in November!

Your Global Mission Team at Messiah is excited to begin planning for the Fair Trade Market, to be held Nov. 21-22 at Messiah. Please note that this is an adjusted date from what we previously announced. This Market is only possible with the assistance of you - our necessary volunteers. We've compiled a list of specific tasks and the approximate time commitment involved. Please review the list, identify how you can serve in this event, and contact the church office or sign up on the sheet at the welcome table. The Fair Trade Market team will contact you to arrange the next step. Thank you for your support!

2026 Tasks

<i>Finance/budget</i>	Knowledge of Excel Document expenses, receipts, funds raised, donations Have cash available for change 10 hrs
<i>Publicity</i>	Post Facebook event Design flyer, post around town Marquette Monthly advertisement & blurb TV/radio/newspaper media 8 hrs
<i>Ordering items</i>	SERRV, Sharing the Dream, Jeanne (Peru), Katie (Colombia), Fair Trade Wall (jams, coffee, chocolate), Tanzania(?) 4 hrs
<i>Labeling items</i>	Color-coded & numbered price tags 2 hrs
<i>Prepare price sheets</i>	Color-coded & numbered item lists 2 hrs
<i>Set-up</i>	Friday afternoon, 3 hrs Pick up jewelry stands from Beth Wendricks
<i>Take-down</i>	Sunday afternoon, 2 hrs

Cashier Saturday

(3-4 people) review use of Messiah credit card machine & Venmo account
x3 during AM hours, x1 during PM hours

Wrapper

Saturday AM

hours (2 people) Pack purchased items for customers

Cashier Sunday AM x1

After market

inventory

Return items to Sharing the Dream
Inventory remaining items
2 hrs

Messiah AV Project Overview

You may have been wondering about the status of the Audio Visual Project that's been underway at Messiah for some years. Here's a quick summary of the original goals and our progress, with next steps soon to come.

Thank you to all who have supported this project financially * otherwise!

Operational Paradigm

- Simple, non-complicated broadcasts.
- Make weekly operations as streamlined as possible.
- Be able to react to last minute changes without a lot of intervention.

Create a more interconnected experience across the building by...

- Networking audio and video of Magnuson Hall, Narthex and Sanctuary together (in progress)
- Broadcast both audio and video of services to these auxiliary locations (in progress)
- Expand wireless internet access to Magnusson Hall and classrooms (in progress)

Bring Messiah's systems up to modern day standards

- Professional audio system in Sanctuary capable of supporting professional music events (completed with final touches in progress).
- Other aspirations (e.g. further upgraded camera system to improve streaming resolution, a more dynamic broadcast with graphics and integrated lyrics, support for sermon visual aids, a drum booth for more control and comfortable volume in the sanctuary, in-ear systems for contemporary service musicians)

A Note about radio broadcast

- Our broadcast sounds very different on the radio than in the sanctuary and online. The radio station historically gave us little agency on how our broadcast is presented on their end. It may be worth restarting a conversation there.

- - Dan Zini, AV Specialist

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice

Drop-in Grief Support: Marquette – August 26th, 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.

Caregiver Support Groups Marquette – August 12th, 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: August 19th 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.

Finding Hope Together: Grief Support Series - You don't have to walk through grief alone. Join us for our **4-part Grief Support Series**, designed to provide a compassionate space for both learning and sharing. Each session combines practical tools and strategies for coping with grief with supportive group discussion, allowing participants to connect with others who understand the journey of loss.

When: Every other week, on Thursdays, beginning August 20th

Time: 10:30–11:30 am

Where: Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice Office 914 W Baraga Ave - Mqt

Whether your loss is recent or occurred some time ago, this series offers encouragement, understanding, and meaningful ways to navigate the grieving process. **Registration is required.** Space is limited, so please register in advance to reserve your spot. Join us as we learn, share, and support one another through the challenges of grief. Call Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice to register.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers - Are you caring for a spouse, parent, relative, or friend? Join our Powerful Tools for Caregivers in person class and gain practical skills to help you reduce stress, communicate more effectively, set healthy boundaries, and take better care of yourself while caring for others.

This engaging, in-person program provides caregivers with proven tools, helpful resources, and support from others who understand the caregiving journey. Whether you're new to caregiving or have been providing care

for years, you'll leave with strategies to help you feel more confident and empowered.

- No cost to attend
- In-person class
- Practical tips and tools you can use right away
- Supportive and welcoming environment

Space may be limited—sign up today and invest in your well-being while continuing to provide the best care possible. Takes place at the Ishpeming Multi-Purpose Senior Center every Thursday from August 13th – September 17th 1:30-3:00 pm. Call 906.225.7760 for more information and ask to speak to Jamie Barbieri or call 2-1-1 to register. Can also register online at www.Ucpap.org.

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."*

Thank you Nagelkirk Gardens!

Nagelkirk Gardens recently called Messiah & asked if we would like some FREE annual flowers for the outdoor space at our church building. We said yes! They said whoever comes to pick them up needs to say they are will Messiah; they will get rung up through the register but will also get 100% discount on the cost. Barry & Ann Johnson drove there & picked up a bunch of annuals & Barry planted them in different spots around the perimeter of our building. Thank you Nagelkirks! Thank you Barry & Ann! Nagelkirks had called all local churches to offer this generous donation!

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS successful! This year's theme was "connection," and Messiah hosted over 30 kids to connect with each other and Jesus. Each day, an offering was collected by the kids to support ELCA's World Hunger program. By the end of the week, these kids raised over \$1200! They opted to purchase the "abundant community" bundle from ELCA's Good Gifts catalog, along with some additional animals. If you see a VBS kid, congratulate them on their awesome effort towards this project!

August 2026 Worship Volunteers

Saturday, August 1 - 5:00 pm
Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell

Sunday, August 2 - 8:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2 Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder
Greeters 2 Al and Gail Edgar

Sunday, August 2 - 10:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2 Ruth Robb,
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1 Lesley Williams

Saturday, August 8 - 5:00 pm
Assisting Minister 1 Karen Kimar-Johnson
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, August 9 - 8:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Fred Maynard
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 4 Dave Blomquist, Beth Krznarich
Greeters 2 Penny Streeter,

Sunday, August 9 - 10:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2 Amy Diedrich,
Communion Assts 4
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1 Inga Banitt

Saturday, August 15 - 5:00 pm
Assisting Minister 1
Communion Asst 1 Karen Kimar-Johnson

Sunday, August 16 - 8:30 am
Assisting Minister 1 Brenda Blett
Reader 1 Louise Reichert
Ushers 2
Communion Assts. 4
Greeters 2 Sherry Labbe,

Sunday, August 16 - 10:30 am - *At Clark Lambros Beach*
Ushers 2 Laurel Kniskern, Jeanne Groos

Saturday, August 22 - 5:00 pm
Assisting Minister 1
Communion Asst 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday, August 23 - 8:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Brenda Blett
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 4 Beth Krznarich,
Greeters 2

Sunday, August 23 - 10:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2 Amy Diedrich,
Communion Asst 4
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1

Saturday, August 29 - 5:00 pm
Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, August 30 - 8:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 4
Greeters 2

Sunday, August 30 - 10:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2 Amy Diedrich,
Communion Asst 4
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1

Quilting

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

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