

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for October 16, 2019

Messiah Events & News

On the web...

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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!



Pastor Molly's Installation! - Oct. 27

Messiah loves good worship and a good party! Join us as we install Pr. Molly as our Associate Pastor at 4:00 pm on October 27th. It will be a festive service with choirs and brass! You're invited to wear red (it's also Reformation Sunday) and to stay after the service for a meal together. We hope you'll join us for this wonderful event!

Pastor Andrew's Lay School Class

Pastor Andrew's lay school class on the prophet Ezekiel and the twelve "minor" prophets began Tuesday October 15 and will continue for five more weeks. The class meets from 3:00-5:00 pm. If you're interested in learning more about the wild and wonderful stories of the prophets, this is the class for you! There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table (or you're welcome to just show up).

High School Youth Get-Together Oct. 20

All High School students are invited to join Pastor Andrew and Pastor Molly for lunch and conversation on October 20th. It will be a time to get to know one other and dream about what activities to plan for the coming months. We will gather in the Youth Room in the lower level after the 10:30 service.

OWLS Halloween Activity

All are welcome to join the OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) for a Halloween afternoon activity and socializing. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 30, 1:30 pm in Magnuson Hall, where the OWLS are up to some Halloween decorating. There will be coffee and cupcakes to enjoy also, but you may want to take along your apron for a "Hands On" project. Costumes are optional. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Louise at louweesy@hotmail.com or call or text Louise at 250-3990

Update on Emmanuel Shayo

Some Messiah members will remember Emmanuel Shayo from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, who worshipped with our congregation a little over 10 years ago. Emmanuel was a student at NMU and played percussion with the Celebration band at the late Sunday service. He now worships at Azania Front and attends the English-speaking service. He is also married to a former Miss Tanzania. Unfortunately we didn't find this out before our Messiah group traveled to Tanzania last June. It would have been nice to have seen him.

Global Mission Team Update - Our Journey Is Accompaniment

We have just concluded a visit from our Colombian partners in mission and are currently discussing how we relate to our Christian companions in other parts of the world. In previous generations, the missionary model was one of the stronger partner (us) helping the weaker (them) learn and grow the church. Today, the church in the Southern Hemisphere is growing more rapidly than in the US! The missionaries did a very good job in that regard. Now, we can learn a lot from them.

The ELCA Global Mission model is now one of ACCOMPANIMENT - walking together in the gospel. We learn from one another and neither partner has power over the other. Our goals are not to give money, build something, or to make our partners dependent on us - we are developing relationships and "Being Christ Together In The World". In Swahili, this is referred to as, "Bega Kwa Bega" (shoulder to shoulder).

With that as background, here are some of the activities we are involved in as a Global Mission Team:

- **Overseeing our Companionship with Colombian and Tanzanian partners.
- **Sponsorship of Missionaries.
- **Supporting ELCA World Hunger
- **Supporting Fair Trade Programs

We currently support 3 missionaries through ELCA Global Mission. They are:

**Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson who work at the Lutheran Medical Center in Arusha, Tanzania.

**Rev. Mark and Rev. Cynthia Rich who teach at Lutheran Theology Seminary in Makumira, Tanzania.

**Benjamin David a Youth in Global Mission worker assigned to Argentina and Uruguay. He has family in our synod.

The photos and bios of these missionaries are posted in the atrium.

Our next event is a Fair Trade Market on November 23 and 24.

--submitted by Mary Lou Blomquist

Koinonia Bible Study

Pastor Molly is leading a Bible Study in the atrium each Thursday from 10:00 am until 11:15 am. In Greek, the word 'koinonia' means communing together and participation in shared work. It is a word that signifies our joint work together as the body of Christ and so we will journey together with delight at the contributions that each of us bring to read through the whole Bible from start to finish at our own pace. Each week we will read the text, delve deep, ask

challenging questions, and hopefully learn something new about God's work in the world. All are welcome to this Bible study and conversation!

Get Acquainted Event – Nov. 18

Are you interested in becoming a member of Messiah? Are you already a member of Messiah but know of someone who might like to become a member?

Please let them know about our Get Acquainted event that the Welcome & Outreach team will host on Monday, November 18th at 7:00 pm. The Get Acquainted event is a very casual setting for everyone to get to know each other and have a conversation about Messiah, its history, where it is going, introducing yourself to the group and giving them a little bit of your Christian background and what draws you to Messiah.

No one has to make a commitment to join Messiah during this event. You join when you are ready to, whenever that is. The pastors and the Welcome & Outreach team look forward to meeting you soon!

Quilting Help Needed

Dear Quilters,

If you like to quilt or sew but can't make it on Thursdays to participate with the quilters at church, we have a job you can do at home. We have a box of 8-inch squares to be put together. I can pick up and deliver. Contact Linda Berry at 360-6168 or 228-8571. It would be greatly appreciated.

AED Now Available

The Building & Grounds team has purchased an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and mounted it in the ushers' work area behind the sanctuary, on the wall by the stairs to the balcony. The Church Council will be announcing instruction for CPR and AED use very soon. But the important news is that the AED is very user friendly—it is not necessary for someone to have a class to use it. The machine will monitor the health condition of the person in distress and administer only what is needed.

In the meantime, you can check out a copy of an AED training DVD that came with our AED (it is in the office) or you can find a video of basic instructions on youtube.com. We hope that no one will ever need to use the AED, but it is ready if it is needed! There are many stories of lives that have been saved through the use of an AED.

Stewardship – Sharing the Harvest

Fall, the changing of the season, brings colorful leaves, cooler weather, football on the television, and the promise that winter is no longer that far away.

In the life of the Church, fall is a time to re-evaluate our commitments, pledges, and volunteer opportunities for the upcoming year. 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us that “each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

The Church will formalize this re-evaluation by holding Sharing the Harvest on November 2 and 3. Prior to that time, Pastor Andrew and the Stewardship Team will be sending time & talent forms and pledge cards to each member. We ask that you please prayerfully consider increasing your giving in each of these ways.

Our gifts are varied, but each is invaluable to the life of the Church.

- - - *Eric Walters, Stewardship Team*

Save the November Dates – Centering for the Season!

On Thursdays November 7th, 14th, and 21st we will be hosting an hour of yoga and centering prayer. Classes will be taught by Anna Zimmer RYT-200 (Pastor Andrew’s wife) and Pastor Andrew will guide the time of prayer. On November 14th and 21st we will also have a children’s yoga instructor with us! So... save the dates and come breathe deeply before the craziness of Thanksgiving and the Christmas season! More information will be in the November newsletter. The classes are scheduled from 6-7pm and nursery care will be available.

The New Free Store

The New Free Store (TNFS) is an interfaith non-profit group supporting people who express a need for free clothing, linens, hygiene and cleaning supplies in the greater Marquette area. TNFS is asking members of area churches to help us with our community service mission by donating new hygiene or cleaning supplies. Currently these supplies are purchased with funds provided by grants and the fundraising efforts of TNFS volunteers, however, the need continues to grow. Over 1,600 participants have been served by TNFS as of the end of 2018.

We need your help to sustain our mission and we have a calendar of needs for each month in the year:

October - Toilet Paper (4 pack or 6 pack)

November - Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Bars of Soap

You can leave your donations in the brown Free Store bin in the narthex. Thank you, in advance, for your participation!

Special Events in October and November

- Oct 17 Koinonia Bible Study with Pr. Molly 10:00 am
- Oct 20 Room At The Inn starts at Messiah at 9:00 pm Sunday night
- Oct 24 Koinonia Bible Study with Pr. Molly 10:00 am
- Oct 27 Confirmation
- Oct 27 Pr. Molly Eversoll's Installation Service at 4:00 pm
- Oct 31 Koinonia Bible Study with Pr. Molly 10:00 am
- Nov 2 Commitment Day, annual pledge commitments for 2020 received
- Nov 3 Commitment Sunday, annual pledge commitments for 2020 received
- Nov 10 Prayer Partners event at 9:55 am in Magnuson Hall
- Nov 18 Get Acquainted event at 7:00 pm
- Nov 23 Global Fair Trade Market at Messiah 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Nov 24 Global Fair Trade Market at Messiah 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day, church office closed
- Nov 29 Church office closed

In Our Prayers

Patricia Harris, Sally McQueen, Betsy Little, Gail Forsberg, Nancy Peterson, Thanh, Karen Johnson, Kristina Asta, Herb Grenke, Sheryl, Pat Frenn, Pat Lelvis, Karla Kunick, Marilyn Voce, Jim Elsenbroek, Nancy & family, Oscar, Vanessa, Laura, Fátima, Flor, Cruz, Alison Cory, Pam, Leah Rodda, Rose Collins, Kathy, Lois, John, Kendal, Sandy, Mike, Don Dreisbach, Gary, Sierra, Charlene Avery, Nai, Cam & his family, Liz Kro.

Note: You may call the church office or talk to one of the pastors, if you would like a person named in the congregation's prayers. Please obtain permission from the person to list his/her name in the bulletin. In order to keep the list up to date and manageable in size, we will list each person for a short time, after which the name will be removed. If at that point, you would like to continue listing the person, please call the church office or speak to one of the pastors.

Pastor on Call:

Pastor Andrew is on call October 16, 20-23

Pastor Molly is on call October 17-19

Messiah Newsletters

Messiah newsletters, weekly announcements and the weekly E-news are all available at www.messiahlutheranmgt.org. The online Messenger (monthly newsletter) includes all the stories and information but saves the paper!

Scripture Readings This Week – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 11:8-10*

Volunteer & Service Opportunities

Worship Volunteers This Week

Saturday October 19 – 5:00 pm

Ushers: Jan Julian, Ron Tervo

Reader: Karen Kimar-Johnson

Communion Set-Up: Carol Bell

Sunday October 20 – 8:45 am

Acolyte: one needed

Ushers: Ray Jarvis, Cathy Seblonka

Reader: Judy Quirk

Communion Assistants: Judy Quirk, Terry Langenberg, Peggy Sager

Greeters: Jan Vickstrom, Joan Tasson

Assisting Minister: Larry Pagel

Sound: Larry Pagel

Sunday October 20 – 10:30 am

Acolyte: Aliina Maki-Warne

Ushers: Liz Beyne, Dave Luoma

Reader: Ruth Robb

Communion Assistants: Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman, Jenny Broadway

Greeters: Herb and Sandy Grenke

Assisting Minister: Michael Broadway

Sound: Larry Pagel

Video Technician: Michael Joy, Liam Ulland-Joy

Please contact Inga at inga@messiahlutheranmgt.org or call 225-1119 if you are unable to be here when scheduled or if you see an opening you can fill. Thanks!

Announcements and Classified Ads

Bethany Lutheran Celebrates 149th Anniversary on Reformation Sunday

Bethany Lutheran Church will host an anniversary dinner on October 27 after 10:30 worship service. The menu will be potato sausage, baked beans, Swedish rye bread, cole slaw, lingonberries, butter pickles Rice pudding, apple crisp, pepperkaker. Community members and guests are welcome. This is the first event that's planned for the 150th anniversary in 2020. Proceeds from meal's goodwill offering will go to the Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund. Please be generous. Bethany Lutheran is at 715 Mather Ave, Ishpeming.

Mitchell United Methodist Church Fall Bazaar

Mitchell United Methodist's soup luncheon, bake sale and craft bazaar will be held Saturday November 2 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The craft sale will end at 2 pm. Luncheon tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5 to 12 and free for children under five. Mitchell United Methodist Church is at 207 Teal Lake Ave. in Negaunee.

Do you have an announcement?

Send announcements and ads to Inga Banitt (inga@messiahlutheranmgt.org). Send concert or performance information, yard sale announcements, party invitations, requests for babysitters, yard maintenance, rooms for rent and items for sale. We will run announcements for two weeks. E-newsletter deadline is 5:00 pm on Tuesdays.

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