

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS!
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Pastoral/Program Staff:

Senior Pastor.....Andrew Plocher
Associate Pastor.....Molly Eversoll

Support Staff:

Parish Administrator.....Jennifer Dodge
Administrative Assistant.....Inga Banitt
Parish Accountant.....Mike Hill
Financial Secretary.....Nancy Hoover
Custodian.....Kevin McGrath

Music Staff:

Music/Choir Director.....Dave Dagenais
Organist/Pianist.....Kathy Strazzinski
Pianist.....Lynne Lanczy
Bell Choir Director.....Judy Quirk



Messiah's Weekly Announcements
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by 6:00 pm, Wed. prior to publication

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit an article for the Nov.
Messenger is **Monday, October 21, 2019.**

On Call Schedule...

Pr. Andrew on-call: Oct. 20-23
Pr. Molly on-call: Oct. 24-26

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Room At The Inn - October 20

Because of the difficulty in finding volunteers to fill all of the shifts, particularly the night shifts, and also fewer churches choosing to participate, there have been some radical changes made to the structure of RATI this year. These changes are made with the hope that this will be a transition period leading to one permanent location year round & rotation of churches housing RATI will no longer be necessary. Our revised sign-up sheets that you have been familiar with for years reflect these changes.

To put it very simply, you will see that there are three areas to volunteer. **The first** is to help with dinner, but unlike in previous years, dinner will be served at the Warming Center at 6:30 pm before the guests report to the church at 9:00 pm to be checked in. Specifically, when you sign up to help with dinner, you would not be expected to provide a whole dinner but instead to perhaps bring in one part of the dinner, or help with cooking and serving dinner to the guests. Ultimately it is the responsibility of Warming Center staff to provide the dinner. **The second volunteer opportunity** for church members is to sign up for the 9:00 pm to 12 midnight, or 'intake shift'. Here a coordinator will always be present to facilitate checking the guests in, and it would be helpful to have 1 male & 1 female volunteer also. Check-in procedure has also changed - no more pbt breathalyzers will be administered, admission will be behavior based.

Each guest as he or she is checked in will turn in their backpack for the night where it will be kept in a secure place. A pat down will still be performed. Upon admission the guest will head to his/her bed, settle in for the night & lights out no later than 10:00 pm. Perhaps for one of the biggest changes regarding the 12-3 and 3-6 shifts, a paid RATI staff person will come in at 12:00 am and cover the two night shifts, no other volunteer is needed.

The third volunteer opportunity is laundry, the used bedding will need to be washed & returned. We will still need volunteers to clean up after the guests leave and get the church back in order. All in all, we hope the end result will be a comfortable, safe experience for our guests as we attempt to transition to a homeless shelter that is not dependent on the resources of rotating churches and volunteers which no longer is a viable option.

-- Rati coordinators for Messiah - Ron Tervo, Marcia Johnson, Darlene Dreisbach

Quilters & Sewers

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. If interested, contact Linda Berry at 360-6168 or 228-8571. She can pick up and deliver. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Pastors' Book Study

As we embark on the season of Thanksgiving, our November book will take us on a journey from the Eucharist to the food pantry in 'Take This Bread'. It is the personal memoir of an atheist chef who wandered into an Episcopal church, "ate a piece of bread, took a sip of wine, and found herself radically transformed." "Before long she turned the bread she ate at communion into tons of groceries, piled on the church's altar to be given away." This powerful and uplifting book looks at "faith centered on real hunger, real food, and real bodies."

Books are available in the church office for \$15.00 each. We will gather to discuss on November 20th in the atrium at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, October 20, 2019 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Messiah Flowers: To the Glory of God & in Loving Memory of...

- * My mother, Beatrice Mussatto on the 2nd anniversary of her passing on October 20th from Joe & Julie Blemberg
- * My mother, Bertie Robertson on the occasion of her birthday from her son, Bruce
- * Our father, Leonard Johnson on October 25th from Tina, Becky & Billie

Radio Broadcast: To the Glory of God...

- * from our Messiah family

Pastor Molly's Installation! - October 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!

Missionary Openings in Colombia

Messiah Lutheran Church just hosted guests from Bogota, Colombia and the ELCA has 2 Missionary openings to this area, serving our friends there.

1. Peacemaking and Community Organizing in Bogota, Colombia.
A basic knowledge of Spanish, MA in Peace/Justice/Conflict Resolution or related studies required.
2. English Language Educator in Sagamoso, Colombia.
BA required, proficiency in Spanish. Teach English to Elementary School Children.

Both positions begin in February 2020. For more information, please contact ELCA Global Mission at e-mail: info@elca.org or website: www.elca.org/global church

Equal Exchange Chocolate Chips

Messiah is offering Equal Exchange semi-sweet chocolate chips for this upcoming baking season. Check them out! They are on the shelf in the atrium by other Equal Exchange products. Enjoy!

OWLs Monthly 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.

Messiah Calendar ~ October 21-27, 2019

Monday, October 21

Pr. Molly's Day Off

Room At The Inn through Sunday AM

- 10:00 am OWLs Walk
- 11:00 am Exercise for Arthritis/Fall Prevention
- 4:00 pm Publicity
- 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous
- 6:00 pm Welcome & Outreach
- 7:00 pm ACIM
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, October 22

- 12:00 pm Tai Chi / Qi Gong
- 1:00 pm Knotty Knitters
- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 3:00 pm Lay School-Prophets II/Ezekiel
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:00 pm Worship & Music
- 6:30 pm Superior Handbells

Wednesday, October 23

- 11:00 am Exercise for Arthritis/Fall Prevention
- 3:00 pm Church Musicians Workshop
- 4:00 pm Swedish
- 5:00 pm Combined Choir Rehearsal

- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, October 24

- 9:00 am Quilting
- 10:00 am Koinonia Bible Study

Friday, October 25

Pr. Andrew's Day Off

- 8:00 am Men's Ministry
 - Reading* 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29
 - Gospel* Mark 10:42-45
- 10:00 am Little Brothers

Saturday, October 26

- 9:00 am Over-Eaters Anonymous
- 5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, October 27

- 8:15 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:45 am Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship
- 3:15 pm Combined Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 pm Pr. Molly Eversoll's Installation

Pecans & Walnuts

Judy Quirk will be ordering the same pecans & walnuts that the Lutheran Campus Ministry used to provide. If you are interested in ordering some she will need your order by Tuesday, October 22nd. The pecans are \$9.50/pound and the English walnuts are \$7.50/pound. You can reach Judy at 228-6729.

LWR Blessings

During worship on September 28 & 29, we took a moment to bless the kits & quilts. We want to thank you...you have helped to create **89** Personal Care Kits, **50** Baby Care Kits, **76** School Kits & **420** Quilts. Thank you for your help with this world-wide mission. Lutheran World Relief could not do this without your generosity. All of these boxes of kits & quilts were loaded up on a truck on October 12th and brought to a church in Ishpeming where they were loaded onto a bigger, shipping truck to then be transported to the LWR distribution center in MN. Thank you!