

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for October 2, 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!



Colombia Presentation at Messiah Tomorrow

Please join us for a special program on Luz y Vida, our companion congregation in Bogota, Colombia, tomorrow at 7:00 pm in the atrium. Pastor Jairo Suarez and Ana Mendivelso both work for the national office of the Lutheran Church in Colombia as well as directly with Luz y Vida. Johana Castellanos is a member of Luz y Vida and one of the artisans whose work was

for sale at our fair trade market last weekend. All three will share stories about their work and their lives in Colombia. A time of fellowship with coffee and dessert will follow the presentation.

From Pr. Andrew...

Siblings in Christ,

What a busy season we're in! School has begun for teachers and students, our vacations have ended, and football games now grace our television screens and high school stadiums. The final bids for a spot in the playoffs and World Series are here for baseball, and the weather has become crisper and the leaves have begun their journey through the color wheel from green to crimson to brown.

Whether you are trying to catch the latest season of a favorite TV show, navigate your family through fall sports, are facing medical tests and surgeries, or trying to stay afloat in the ebb and flow of work and school: this is a busy season. The breathing space that we felt over the summer feels miles away now.

As our schedules get busier it is important to remember to pause, breathe, and take time to be present with God. Through the Narrative Lectionary texts from the Old Testament, we will walk through the story of God's people, and in doing so walk with our own 'humanness.' I know making time and space for prayer and meditation is often difficult, I struggle with it too. There's a saying in the Celtic tradition 'that beginning is halfway there.' Beginning is halfway there. So... here are some words to help you begin. They come from a book of blessings entitled "To Bless the Space Between Us" by the late priest John O'Donohue. May it bless you in this time of changing seasons and help with 'beginning'!

In Christ,

Pr. Andrew

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Somewhere, out at the edges, the night
Is turning and the waves of darkness
Begging to brighten the shore of dawn.
The heavy dark falls back to earth
And the freed air goes wild with light,
The heart fills with fresh, bright breath
And thoughts stir to give birth to color.

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I arise today
In the name of Silence
Womb of the World
In the name of the Stillness
Home of Belonging,
In the name of the Solitude
Of the Soul and the Earth.
I arise today
Blessed by all things,
Wings of breath,
Delight of eyes,
Wonder of whisper,
Intimacy of touch,
Eternity of soul,
Urgency of thought,
Miracle of health,
Embrace of God.
May I live this day
Compassionate of heart,
Clear in word,
Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love.

Koinonia Bible Study – Oct. 3

Pastor Molly will be leading a Bible Study beginning on Thursday, October 3rd 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!

Webinar on Climate Solutions - Oct. 3

You are invited by Messiah's Creation Care Team (formerly known as MEST) on Thursday October 3rd from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in Messiah's atrium to view and discuss a webinar on 'the Moral Imperative to Improve Planetary Health through Climate Solutions.' The webinar is sponsored by Blessed Tomorrow, the Planetary Health Alliance, the Center for the Study of World Religions and the Harvard Divinity School. The webinar will feature a discussion with faith leaders and health professionals focused on how we can safeguard our health and promote social justice by mobilizing communities to take environmental action. Participants will learn about challenges to global health and their direct health impacts and moral implications. Everyone is invited to attend the viewing and consider what we might do to help.

"Whereas Jesus commands us to...love one another" (John 13:34) and God has given us responsibility to care for His good creation (Genesis 1:28, Genesis 2:15). We can move away from the dirty fuels that make us sick and shift toward safe, clean energy like wind and solar that help make every breath our neighbors and families take, a healthy one, create new jobs that can't be outsourced, help protect the least among us and preserve what God bestowed."
(Climate Change Resolution by African Methodist Episcopal Commission on Social Action)

CROP Walk

Please join other Marquette County walkers for the 2019 CROP Walk on Sunday, October 6th. They will start the walk from Marquette Hope Connection Center at 927 W. Fair Ave.

Registration will begin at 1:30 pm and the CROP Walk will begin at 2:00 pm. This year is the 50th year of the CROP Walk!

There are informational handouts in the narthex as well as collection envelopes for those who choose to walk on October 6th. If you can't or aren't able to walk for the CROP Walk, please consider supporting someone who is. All checks will need to be made payable to CWS/CROP. Walkers can collect funds now through October 6th. Thank you for supporting hunger in our world. Ruth Robb has agreed to be our CROP Walk liaison again this year. Please see Ruth if you have any questions or contact the church office. Thank you!

Blessing of the Animals

Meow, Bark, Gulp, Chirp.... The unconditional love we give and receive from our pets can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life with our Creator. Please bring your pets to The Blessing of the Animals at 4:00pm on October 5th! We'll be outside on the lawn if the weather permits (otherwise we'll be inside). This will be a brief service that ends with blessings of individual pets (and some treats). All types of critters are welcome from dogs to fish to gerbils to cats. Even stuffed animals or pictures of your pets (for those who don't travel well or approve

of people or other pets) can be blessed, and some have had the ashes of those who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge into heaven blessed too. We look forward to seeing you and your pets for this special service!

Journeying Together

A new year of Journey has gotten off to a great start! Lots of new things!! First of all we have a fun new curriculum from Sparkhouse. Each student has an 'anti-work' book filled with activities, information, fun pictures and discussion topics. It is a fun way to relate the Bible to our everyday life.

We also have several new 6th graders! Some have been at Messiah their entire lives, some are new to Messiah. It has been a joy to watch the class build new relationships and discuss the material we are using! Our first class had 14 students!!

Our class meets the first two Sundays of the month for a meal, class and some social time. We also meet on the third Sunday for an optional social event/service project. Our service project for this month is the making of a video. We plan to share with the church what we have learned about AMMPARO.

It is with GREAT joy that I can announce that five students will be confirmed this year on Reformation Sunday, October 27! Honestly, it is a little bittersweet for me! I am so proud of the students and it has been a joy to be part of their journey, yet I am really going to miss seeing them in class. It's been a Journey and I am so glad that I get to be part of it!!!

- - - *Jen Elsenbroek, Confirmation Leader*

Pastor Andrew's Lay School Class

Pastor Andrew is teaching our next Lay School class on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 pm beginning on October 15th. It will cover the prophet Ezekiel and the twelve "minor" prophets. 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). Feel free to come to just one, or all six, of the classes.

Stewardship - Commitment Sunday

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 Commitment Sunday on November 3rd. Prior to that time, Pastor Andrew & 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*

LCM Work Bee

The Lutheran Campus Ministry house needs some TLC. Pr. Bre Kinnunen is hoping to recruit some help to accomplish this. The work bee will be on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. If you are interested and available to participate let Pastor Bre know or just show up on October 5th. It would be helpful if you could bring some of your cleaning supplies for interior cleaning and if you could bring along any gardening tools you have as well. This property is in need of sprucing up. Pr. Bre will provide donuts for everyone!

If you have a truck and are willing to haul different pieces of furniture to St. Vincents, that would be helpful. There is some furniture that will need to be removed from the house.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration to help with this project. Many hands make for light work. If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Bre Kinnunen at upbre3@gmail.com

AMMPARO Border Immersion Trip

The AMMPARO task force is excited to announce that Messiah will be going on a Border Immersion Trip in 2020! The trip will be happening the first week in March from February 29th - March 7th. We will travel to Las Cruces, NM where Border Servant Corps will help us learn about border issues through accompaniment style education. To read more about Border Servant Corps, check out their website: <https://www.borderservantcorps.org/get-involved/border-immersion/faq/>

If you are interested in going, please join us on October 13th after the 10:30 service (approx. 11:45) to find out more about this trip!

Truck Loading for Lutheran World Relief

We are looking for a few good men and women (high school and middle school students are welcome, too!) to help transport personal care kits, baby care kits, school kits & quilts from Messiah to west Ishpeming. We will meet at Messiah at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 12, load

the items onto a truck, and transport them to Trinity Lutheran Church, 414 E. Ridge St, Ishpeming. (Note the change in location this year!) At Trinity our boxes will be loaded onto a large truck and shipped all over the world to people in need. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table outside the church office. Thank you for helping with this very important annual project!

High School Youth Get-Together Oct. 20

All High School students are invited to join Pastor Andrew & 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.

The Way of Love UP North!

You are invited! to The Way of Love Up North, a gathering for renewal and celebration of Love. That is--God's Love--which is for all people! The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church will be the keynote/preacher. (You may know him as the powerful preacher at the wedding of Prince Harry & Meghan Markle. Yes, that guy!) All people of all walks of life, and all ages are invited to this event. Come as you are. Bring a friend! There are free tickets available on Facebook (for the purpose of getting a head count). This event is brought to us by the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan and the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Pastor Molly & Pastor Andrew have been part of the planning process for this event and they hope to see some Messiah folks there!

Organ Project Update

The organ repair and restoration is well under way, with the pipes being reinstalled this last week of September. We are looking forward to our organ's full return later this fall! We give thanks the generosity that you have all shown and for the continuous stream of pledge cards that have come in. We have now passed the 50% mark for our goal, having received pledges for slightly over 100,000 dollars. If you have not pledged yet, we encourage you to prayerfully consider doing so. If you have questions please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our Pastors or to a Task Force member (Terry Langenberg, John & Pauline Kiltinen, Lynne Hammerstrom, Dave Blomquist, Mike Coyne, and Paul Marin). Additional pledge cards are available in the church office. – The Organ Task Force

Council Highlights - September

1. Approved amended annual budget from finance committee which primarily updates the current pastor salaries & benefits as well as building expenses.
 2. Heard from Ron Strazzinski about updates on organ repairs. Approved expenditure for new chimes and humidification system for the organ.
 3. AED - video on how to use the AED will be made available on website, facebook page. Also discussed having the video available for viewing during one of the coffee hours.
 4. Dave Blomquist will order flowers on behalf of Messiah for Prince of Peace to wish them well on their 50-year anniversary. Messiah had helped them start their congregation.
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Passages

In Sympathy to:

- * Frank Summersett & family upon the death of his wife Jan who passed away on August 23, 2019.
 - * Dave Blomquist's sister, Donna Cootware who passed away early in September.
 - * Family & friends of Carolyn Ciullo who passed away on September 9th at the Valenti Nursing Home surrounded by family. Carolyn's funeral was held in the Grand Rapids area over the weekend of Sept. 20/21.
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Boy Scout Popcorn – Oct. 13

The Boy Scouts will be selling popcorn during coffee hour on Sunday, October 13th. They will be here from 9:30 am - 10:30 am.

Special Events in October and November

- Oct 3 Koinonia Bible Study with Pr. Molly 10:00 am
- Oct 3 Colombia Presentation at Messiah 7:00 pm
- Oct 5 Lutheran Campus Ministry Work Bee, inside & outside the house 9:00 am
- Oct 5 Blessing of the pets 4:00 pm
- Oct 6 Journey at North Fourth starting at approximately 11:30 am
- Oct 6 CROP Walk at Marquette Hope Connection Center, Register at 1:30 pm, Walk at 2:00 pm
- Oct 8 Lay School at 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm
- Oct 10 Koinonia Bible Study with Pr. Molly 10:00 am
- Oct 12 9:00 am load boxes on a truck at Messiah, drive to Ishpeming and unload boxes to a shipping truck at Trinity Lutheran

- Oct 13 Prayer Partners first event of the year at 9:55 am in Magnuson Hall
Oct 13 Journey at North Fourth starting at approximately 11:30 am
Oct 15 New Lay School class at 3:00 pm
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
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Thanking You for Your Kindness...

Thank you to all who made the decision to help me pay my rent at this difficult time.

I am 70 years old & still work to make ends meet. Falling & breaking my arm & shoulder had set me back, not only with a lot of pain but with anxiety not being able to keep up with my rent.

Your decision has relieved this anxiety, I am so grateful.

If at any time my finances change, I will reimburse you. Again, I thank you.

- - Susan O.

In Our Prayers

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 2, 6-9

Pastor Molly is on call October 3-5

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 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 12:28-31*

Volunteer & Service Opportunities

Worship Volunteers This Week

Saturday October 5 – 5:00 pm

Ushers: Dick and Laura Goodney

Reader: Kathy Godec

Communion Set-Up: Barb Maszlewski

Sunday October 6 – 8:45 am

Acolyte: one needed

Ushers: Barb Avery, Anne Rydholm

Reader: Fred Maynard

Communion Assistants: Mary Lou Blomquist, Kathy Maynard

Greeters: Leslie White, Lynne Hammerstrom

Assisting Minister: Kathy Maynard

Sound: Ron Strazzinski

Sunday October 6 – 10:30 am

Acolyte: one needed

Ushers: Sally Davis, Dave Luoma

Reader: Erik Bergh

Communion Assistants: Mike Hill, Jenny Broadway

Greeters: Grace Gronowski, Kurt Mensching

Assisting Minister: Mike Hill

Sound: Mike Hill

Video Technician: Joan Hill

Please contact Inga at inga@messiahlutheranmqt.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

Do you have an announcement?

Send announcements and ads to Inga Banitt (inga@messiahlutheranmqt.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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