

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for October 9, 2019

Messiah Events & News

On the web...

go to messiahlutheranmqt.org for more information about our congregation and “like” us on Facebook to receive updates and information there.

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!*



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!

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.

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 and 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 and Pastor Andrew have been part of the planning process for this event and they hope to see some Messiah folks there!

October Is Fair Trade Month

Messiah will have its annual Fair Trade Market November 23-24. In addition to goods from our companion congregations in Colombia and Tanzania, the market offers items from the organization Sharing the Dream in Guatemala. Sharing the Dream was founded in 1996 by Diana Nesselhuf. Diana writes:

October is fair trade month. What does fair trade mean exactly? Of course, it means paying people fairly, having good working conditions, etc. But what does it mean to me as far as being director of a fair-trade nonprofit?

My background isn't in design or business; I have learned about these things over the past

20 years. My background is in counseling. How does this apply? I think my background has helped in my philosophy of fair trade. To me, it means working with groups that don't understand some basic things that we take for granted in the U.S. For instance, having high quality products, getting things done on time, and following through on commitments. It is not that the groups don't know how to do this. I think it is that sometimes when they don't understand something, people give up on them, and they give up on themselves. It is imperative that when we work with individuals and groups we know how to reframe. Fair trade can take time. More time than a lot of people want to give. It is about working with people and teaching. I am always telling the staff, "This is a teaching moment. What do we do to teach?" This philosophy moves slowly, it is easier to just stop working with a group than to figure out what the problem is and work with them to solve it. This happens again and again and sometimes takes years to work with people who have not been to school and speak a language other than Spanish.

About 20 years ago, I went up into the mountains where there were a couple of weaving groups, but no one had been there to work with them. They were really poor, their children were malnourished, and they just seemed hopeless. A woman came to me to sell a purse that she had made. The sewing was terrible. She had a malnourished child on her back and was holding the hand of her other malnourished child. It would have been easy to give her a little money for the bag, but I didn't. It was poor quality, and I didn't want her to think that was okay. Instead, I sat with the group for several hours while we brainstormed. They were just learning sewing. After a couple of hours, I noticed one of the ladies had a scrunchy in her ponytail. I asked about them making scrunchies. It was a good place to start with them, and it was a way they could see progress. I ordered 500 scrunchies. It took quite a few years to sell them all, but meanwhile, we worked with the group on other products, quality, and how to maintain a group. With the help of Dalesburg Lutheran in Vermillion, South Dakota, we helped build a sewing center and a weaving center. The women are now pretty self-supporting. There are still some issues once in a while with this group, but over time they were able to help sustain their families.

Yes, it took twenty years. Twenty years of going to the mountains in overcrowded buses and having the women come to our office, oftentimes traveling six hours each way. The main thing was not giving up.

Sharing the Dream is about dreams. Dreams that the individuals we work with have for themselves and their families. They want to be able to feed, educate and take care of their children. For me, fair trade means sharing those dreams and working with them to fulfill them. I love this quote by William Yeats. "But I, being poor have only my dreams. I have spread my dreams under your feet. Tread softly because you tread on my dreams." As a

fair trade organization we need to tread softly and be open to the dreams of the people we work with in Guatemala.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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*

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 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.

Reflections from Tanzania Trip

On September 15 three members from Messiah shared their experiences visiting our companion congregation in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, last June. The following article describes some of their time there:

Dr. Martha & Chaplain Charles traveled with us by ferry on the two-hour trip to Zanzibar. Security was very tight on both ends but the Indian Ocean was calm. No photo taking was allowed.

The island’s population is about 97% Muslim. We observed both men & women in very conservative Muslim dress while others were more relaxed. One woman wore a black hijab with material between her eyes and only her eyes were visible. her burka was also black. Other Muslim women wore pastel colored hijabs, no face covering, and western style dresses &/or skirts. We saw the women ride side saddle on motorcycles while others straddle the seat. Some Muslim men wore long tailored shirts like a robe, called konzus.

We visited an amphitheater where slaves were sold and the chambers where they were housed. The chambers were dark, damp and depressing with concrete bunkers and no sanitation. The Slave Museum had many panels covering the history of slave trade on the island. The amphitheater is now used for plays and concerts.

We also visited the first Anglican Church on Zanzibar. One of its beloved priests was instrumental in stopping the slave trade and is buried behind the altar.

Steeple from a variety of places of worship were observed: Catholic, Muslim, and Anglican. Always it was added, "Hakuna Matata," which means, "it doesn't matter," or "it's not important." We were not allowed to take pictures of the mosque during prayer time.

Near the mosque and the amphitheater was The House of Wonders, the first building on Zanzibar to have electricity and an elevator.

The shops on the island were always welcome. "Karibu," you are welcome to come in, browse and buy.

The Old Fort was also visited. We were able to relax, shop, or have a henna tattoo or manicure. The Lutheran Church in Zanzibar which is less than 1% of the population, has a congregation of about 500 worshippers. The campus includes a hostel, restaurant, and a dispensary. That night at the island, we stayed at the "Peace Center," a Catholic hostel. The campus included a chapel, "The Meroy Building," where anyone was welcomed to worship, pray or otherwise meditate.

The sounds at the hostel were from many sources: birds, chickens, dogs, cats fighting, frogs, crickets, a baby crying, the Muslim call to worship and even a man sweeping the driveway. The evening meal was taken at an ocean-side food court. There were a variety of booths, foods from many cultures and juices. We were careful to avoid salads and juices made with non-bottled water and ice cubes.

The morning meal was eaten at an open-aired, covered restaurant on the hostel campus. The delicious breakfast also included many hungry flies.

Our last stop was the Spice Plantation tour of about three hours. A leaf was taken from the tree or bush, crushed and placed in our hands. We were to sniff it and identify the spice. Here we saw a kapok pod, an acacia tree (umbrella shade tree) and even had a marriage proposal. The guide's assistant made reed rings for each of us and since the Muslim guide could have up to four wives, he proposed. (All in fun!)

The trip back to the mainland was delayed due to ticket problems and the seas were rougher. We were caught in rush hour traffic in Dar es Salaam and arrived very late at our hosts' home. All in all, it was a blessed experience.

- - - *Liz Beyne, traveler*

Organ Project Update

The organ repair and restoration is well under way, with the pipes currently being reinstalled. 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

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!

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 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

In Our Prayers

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 9, 13-16

Pastor Molly is on call October 10-12

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 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Ruth 1:1-17*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 3:33-35*

Volunteer & Service Opportunities

Worship Volunteers This Week

Saturday October 12 – 5:00 pm

Ushers: Barb Salmela, Chris Kotila

Reader: Carol Bell

Communion Set-Up: Billie Johnson

Sunday October 13 – 8:45 am

Acolyte: one needed

Ushers: Tom and Amy Froiland

Reader: Larry Pagel

Communion Assistants: Darley Kemppainen, Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist

Greeters: Penny Streeter, Helen Steinhoff

Assisting Minister: Darley Kemppainen

Sound: Larry Pagel

Sunday October 13 – 10:30 am

Acolyte: Maija Maki-Warne

Ushers: Dave Luoma, Lavonne Gaspar

Reader: Sarah Janda

Communion Assistants: Sandy Lindberg, Mike Hill, **one needed**

Greeters: Jill Luoma, Grace Gronowski, Kurt Mensching

Assisting Minister: Jackie Gilbert

Sound: Mike Hill

Video Technician: Myra Zyburt

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

An Evening with Diane Guerrero

Actor and author Diane Guerrero will speak at NMU on Tuesday October 15 at 7 pm at the Northern Center (formerly the University Center) Ballrooms. Diane Guerrero is the author of In the *Country we Love: My Family Divided*, a memoir detailing her life after her parents were detained and deported to Colombia when she was only 14.

Diana Guerrero is also known for her roles in the TV shows *Orange is the New Black* and *Jane the Virgin*. Tickets are available at the door and are \$5 for the general public. The event is free for students with an NMU ID

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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