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Messiah Calendar

Monday, July 29

Pr. Molly's day off

10:00 am OWLs Walk

5:30 pm Faith Formation

5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 30

12:00 pm Tai Chi/QiGong

1:00 pm Knotty Knitters

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

5:00 pm Organ Fund Committee

Wednesday, July 31

6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, August 1

9:00 am Quilting

11:00 am Cursillo

Friday, August 2

Pr. Andrew's day off

8:00 am Men's Ministry

Saturday, August 3

1:00 pm Molly Eversoll's Ordination in Illinois (CST)

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, August 4

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal

8:45 am Worship

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Journey

August Community Meal

The August community meal will be on Wednesday, August 7 at 5:30 pm. The cooks will be serving sub sandwiches, fruit salad, bars & cookies. We hope to see you there!

In The Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pastor Andrew Plocher & Pastor Molly Eversoll want to visit you when you are there. If you can't notify Messiah, please ask a family member to do so.

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: August 4-7, 11-14, 18-21, 25-28

Pr. Molly Eversoll: August 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in the September Messenger is Monday, August 26, 2019.

Messiah's Newsletter

July 28, 2019

Volume 101, Issue 8

Articles for Weekly Announcements are due by 6:00 pm the Wednesday prior to printing

July 28, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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



Sally, Robert & Aunt Ruth from Marilyn & Philip Andersen

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



Bob Robertson on his July 30th birthday from his son Bruce Robertson

Meditation & Reflection

Siblings in Christ,

In 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenburg Cathedral, in protest at the Catholic doctrine of selling indulgences and formally began the Protestant Reformation. Seventeen years later, Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) as part of the Catholic counter-reformation. Later that same year, in November 1534, King Henry VIII became supreme head of the church in England, which formally separated from the Roman Catholic Church.

All of this, and many more events, made the 16th century one of great change and tumult for Christianity. Lines were drawn that would divide Christians for centuries. Indeed, it has only been in the last 50 years that there has been much “ecumenical” reform and renewal – a respect for other followers of Jesus, whether their faith is expressed within the Roman Catholic Church or a wide variety of Protestant denominations.

Over the years of my ministry, I have had the wonderful opportunity to learn much about the continuity and diversity of ways in which Christians have sought to draw nearer to God throughout 2000 years of Christian history and through many different traditions. It was St. Augustine (354-430) who wrote: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” One way of understanding spiritual formation is that it is this seeking to find the heart’s (or the soul’s) rest in God.

I am finding particularly helpful in my own spiritual life a practice first developed by St. Ignatius in the midst of that tumultuous 16th century. It is a practice known as “The Daily Examen.” Before I share it with you, I first want to share with you four key movements Ignatius taught about spiritual exercises (or disciplines):

1. Meditating on sin and its consequences
2. Meditating on the life of Jesus Christ
3. Meditating on the passion (suffering and death) of Christ
4. Meditating on the resurrection of Christ and the coming of the Spirit

Thus, you can see that Ignatius' understanding of spiritual formation, or the seeking of the soul's rest in God, is deeply rooted in scripture and what John the gospel writer describes as the Word (Jesus Christ).

In addition to these four key movements, Ignatius taught that Christians need to pay attention to our lives because "God comes to you disguised as your life" (we might refer to this as the work of the Holy Spirit within us). Thus, it was that Ignatius developed a way of paying attention to where God is in our daily life – what has become known as the Examen.

At the end of each day, spending some time in silence with God, follow these five steps of noticing God at work in your life:

1. Thanksgiving – Reflect on the day and see what emerges as moments of gratitude; allow gratitude to take hold of you.
2. Asking for Insight – Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you what you need to see; noticing our faults and our sins.
3. Looking for God – Reflect on the day, noticing your interior moods, feelings, urges, movements. Was there any joy, pain, turmoil, increase of love, anger, harmony, conscious prayer, isolation or fulfillment present? In what general direction do you feel you are being drawn by God?
4. Expressing Repentance and Gratitude – "Life takes a lot of consecrating, but when it is lived thankfully, it is well on the way to becoming a holy thing." Pray for a willingness to change those things and attitudes that distance you from the Creator God who loves you. Reflect on the "holiness" of your life.
5. Receiving Help and Guidance for Tomorrow – Finally, ask God for what you will need tomorrow. Remember that alone it is difficult to change old patterns, but the Holy Spirit is our strength and support as we try to grow more fully into God's image.

I have been regularly practicing this Daily Examen, spending time in prayer and journaling each of these 5 steps every evening before going to bed. Like any new practice, it takes some time to get comfortable with it, but it has already become an invaluable part of my spiritual life. I offer it to you in a spirit of Christ's love. Consider trying it for 30 days (that's how long it takes a new habit or practice to become "ours"). If it is something you find helpful... wonderful! If not, that's ok too. Not every spiritual practice is for everyone.

Paz,
Pr. Andrew

Rebecca Circle

Rebecca Circle will not be meeting in August (Wednesday, Aug 14th). They will get together again in September on Wednesday, 9/11 at 10:00 am. Thank you!

Molly Eversoll's Ordination & Installation

Molly Eversoll, our new associate pastor, will be ordained in Illinois on Saturday, August 3rd at 1:00 pm **Central Time**. It will be held at:

*Cross & Crown Lutheran Church
7404 Elevator Rd
Roscoe, IL 61073*

Molly's installation will be at Messiah on Sunday, October 27th at 4:00 pm.

Nancy Kalweit's Family Thanks You!

Nancy's daughters wanted to extend a sincere thank you to those who attended their mother's celebration of life at Jacobetti at the end of April. It meant so much to them that 13 or more of Nancy's Messiah family took the time to go to this celebration of her life. Her three daughters were unable to attend that service, so they were really touched & appreciate that you went. Another celebratoin of Nancy Kalweit's life will be held at Messiah on Saturday, August 24th. The visitation will start at 11:00 am and the service will start at 1:00 pm. A luncheon will follow the worship in Magnuson Hall.

Save the Date, to Celebrate...Pr. Allan!

On Sunday, August 18th following our 10:30 am worship, we will gather in Magnuson Hall to celebrate Pr. Allan & thank him for a job well done over the past two years. He stepped up and filled in at a crucial time, when we needed him to. We also want to thank his wife, Sara, for going through this journey with him. We will continue to enjoy their company at Messiah in the years to come! We are blessed to have Pr. Allan & Sara Johnson in our Messiah family.

The meal is currently being planned, details will be coming soon!

Tai Chi / Qi Gong

A Tai Chi /Qi Gong class meets each Tuesday from 12-12:45 pm in Messiah's Magnuson Hall. Tai Chi / Qi Gong is a gentle movement type of class. It allows us to move slowly & aids in relaxation, balance & breathing. Chairs are available to help with balance. We do not lie on the floor. This is a drop-in class & there is no fee. Participants are encouraged to bring a canned or boxed food item for the food pantry. If you have questions please call Betsy Little at 345-9237.

Immigration Book Study

In September, join us in reading Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nozario.

This powerful book details the true story of a Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother in the U.S. Copies will be available in the church office in mid-August. Stay tuned for more information.

Job Opportunity

With the upcoming retirement of Louse Ingalls, the Synod office is seeking qualified job applicants for the position of 'Office Administrator'. Resumes with a cover letter may be sent via ngls@nglsynod.org or mailed via USPS to:

Northern Great Lakes Synod, ELCA
c/o Bishop Katherine Finegan
1029 N. Third St., Suite A
Marquette, MI 49855

Applications will be accepted through August 11th. Interviews for the position of Office Administrator will begin in mid-August. The newly hired Office Administrator will be trained in by Louise for a two week period beginning September 23rd up until Louise's retirement. --Pr. Jim Duehring
(there is a copy of the job description for this position in Messiah's office)

AMMPARO

I want to tell you that I had the privilege of working with our Journey class using a curriculum from AMMPARO (*accompanying migrant minors with protection advocacy representation and opportunities*) called Bridging Youth to Youth. As a group, we were able to speak directly to people in Central America to hear their stories. Together, we learned about the challenges youth in Central America face. We also learned about the reasons people are coming to the southern border. The following true stories are a taste of what we learned.

"I'm Oscar, a pre-med student, I refused to join the gang that controlled our neighborhood. The gang drenched my family's home and belongings with gasoline and burned everything. We fled to another part of El Salvador. We were internally displaced."

"I'm Ana. My Dad was murdered by a gang when I was very young. I watched my mother killed by men who broke into our house. My sister Lidia and I didn't know how to take care of our three little siblings. We tried moving to another part of Guatemala, but we couldn't make enough to take care of our brothers and sisters. We never felt safe no matter where we went. Together the four of us left for the US so we could feel safe, get an education, and have a better life."

"I am Diego. When I was 11, I was playing soccer around the corner from my home. My 4 year old sister Rosa was home with my Mom. A gang broke in and shot my mother 15 times while Rosa watched. Rosa and I and our other sister Lisbeth moved in with our aunts. When we received death threats from the gang that controlled the neighborhood where our aunts lived, we decided to go to the United States. We got to the border but were apprehended and separated."

In obedience with Matthew 25:35, Welcoming Congregations agree to welcome migrant children and families, respectfully listen to their stories, pray for and share the gospel, provide emotional and spiritual support and advocate for justice. Welcoming Congregations are not necessarily offering shelter, employment or other financial support but simply are willing to be a church home for migrant children and families in the same way that congregations of several generations ago welcomed Lutheran migrants from Europe and helped them navigate life in their new home.

An AMMPARO task force has been formed and we are looking forward to both educating the congregation on the immigration crisis and advocating for those in need. We have participated in a conference call with lots of other AMMPARO churches and have heard what other churches are doing to help immigrants. Please prayerfully consider becoming involved in and helping with this complicated subject. - - - Jen Elsenbroek

CAPSA

(Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum)

Prayer For Safety of Migrant Children

Lord, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost and those who have been exiled from their homes. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who too was a refugee and immigrant and who traveled to another land searching for a home. Amen

New Direction For Room At The Inn

Our congregation has been a partner of Room At The Inn, our local rotating homeless shelter, since its inception in 2007. As we begin our 13th season of providing emergency shelter for those in need, the Board of Directors is exploring new ways to serve this population. The current model is not sustainable with church membership shrinking & aging, it is becoming more difficult to find volunteers to host the shelters, and churches willing to participate. Especially challenging is the 2:00 to 6:00 am shift!

The Board has decided to make this "graveyard shift" a paid position for the 2019-2020 season. A \$7500.00 challenge grant has been offered to help support this effort. We are being asked to participate in this challenge - in lieu of having to find volunteers to cover that late shift. To raise \$1,000 toward this effort we need 12 people to contribute \$83.00 each, or 24 people to give \$41.50. A small price to pay to not have to get up for the 2:00 am shift!

Can you help? The Winter season begins in September. Make your contribution to Messiah Lutheran and earmark it for the RATI Challenge Grant.

- - - Mary Lou Blomquist

Lectionary Readings - August 2019

August 4 -- 8th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23*

Psalm.....*Psalm 49:1-12*

Second Reading.....*Colossians 3:1-11*

Gospel Reading.....*Luke 12:13-21*

August 11 -- 9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Genesis 15:1-6*

Psalm.....*Psalm 33:12-22*

Second Reading.....*Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Gospel Reading.....*Luke 12:32-40*

August 18 -- 10th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Jeremiah 23:23-29*

Psalm.....*Psalm 82*

Second Reading.....*Hebrews 11:29--12:2*

Gospel Reading.....*Luke 12:49-56*

August 25 -- 11th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Isaiah 58:9b-14*

Psalm.....*Psalm 103:1-8*

Second Reading.....*Hebrews 12:18-29*

Gospel Reading.....*Luke 13:10-17*

OWLs Walk (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

The OWLs group walk every Monday morning at 10:00 am at the Lower Harbor Park, meeting at the ice cream stand. In the event of inclement weather, they walk at the Superior Dome.

Need a Ride to Messiah?

If you need transportation to Messiah for worship or other events, call the church office to be referred to someone who has volunteered to give rides.

Special Events in August & September

- Aug 3 Molly Eversoll's Ordination in Illinois.
- Aug 7 Community Meal at 5:30 pm in Magnuson Hall
- Aug 7 Forum - Messiah's Environmental Stewardship Team's first conversation. Join us in the atrium at 6:30 pm following the community meal for this dialog.
- Aug 15 MOPS Open House, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- Aug 18 A celebration luncheon to celebrate Pastor Allan & Sara Johnson.
- Aug 25 Bell Choir Picnic, 3:00 pm
- Sept 2 Labor Day - church office closed
- Sept 4 Community Meal at 5:30 pm in Magnuson Hall
- Sept 4 Forum - Thrivent, in the atrium at 6:30 pm
- Sept 8 Rally Day - Celebration to kick-off the start of the Sunday School 2019/2020 year. This is a picnic in the back parking lot following 10:30 am worship.
- Sept 9 Meditation from 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Sept 10 Meditation from 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- Sept 13 Yoga Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (9/13 - 9/15)
- Sept 16 Meditation from 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Spet 17 Meditation from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Meditation...Give It a Try!

Have you ever thought you would like to start a meditation practice but didn't know how to begin? Meditation has a variety of benefits, which include chronic pain relief, stress reduction, and mental clarity. For those seeking a deeper spiritual life, meditation is a good tool.

We will hold two introductory meditation sessions in September. In an attempt to accommodate different schedules, we will offer the series during the day as well as in the evening. The first of the series will introduce the mechanics of meditation and give a short practice. The second of the series is to follow-up on how your attempts to begin a practice have gone and tips to overcome road blocks.

We will use the book "Real Happiness-The Power of Meditation" by *Sharon Salzberg*, as a resource. The book is clear and helpful in developing a meditation practice and includes a CD with guided meditations to assist in the process.

Daytime sessions: 2:00 - 3:00 pm on Monday, September 9
 2:00 - 3:00 pm on Monday, September 16

Evening sessions: 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 10
 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 17

If you can only attend one of the two sessions in the series, that is ok. We will review the process at both meetings. Experienced meditators are invited to come help with this endeavor. --- *Nancy Hamlin*

Messiah's Birthdays

August 2019

- Thursday 1 Jamie Dodge, Tyson Luoma
Friday 2 Kirsten Matthews, Dick Oslund, Jan Summersett
Saturday 3 Mary Duranceau
Sunday 4 John Broadway, Holly Muscoe, Paul Zyburt
Monday 5 Cameron Contois
Tuesday 6 Jayme Bell, Larry Brunton, Jill Luoma, Mike Skytta
Wednesday 7 Renee Jewett
Thursday 8 Dick Gooney
Friday 9 Michael Campana, Ruth Robb
Saturday 10 Carl Byene, Peter Claybaker, Adrienne Wolf
Sunday 11 Jeremy Braund, Landric Braund, Ann Johnson
Monday 12 No birthdays
Tuesday 13 Daphne Greenwood
Wednesday 14 Max Larson, Sara Morrison
Thursday 15 Lou Ann Balding, Alexis Hammerstrom, Gordon Peterson
Friday 16 Kayleigh Beaudoin, Brenda Blett
Saturday 17 Della Slavsky
Sunday 18 Oliver Davis, Ann Lahti, Les Scheuren
Monday 19 Elise Busick, Kelley Claybaker, Robbie Jo Fezatt, Michael Orhanen, Patty Stevens
Tuesday 20 Julia Broadway, Jim Nebel, Kyle Smith, Jamie Vanlerberghe
Wednesday 21 David Carlson
Thursday 22 Stina Jackson
Friday 23 Sherri Cherry, Karen Eldevick, Laura Petrie
Saturday 24 Peggy Sager
Sunday 25 Grayson Beaudoin, Lois LaBrecque, Louis Myefski
Monday 26 No birthdays

Tuesday 27 Jaime Davis, Sue Feldhauser, Char Nebel, Phillip Pfannenstiel

Wednesday 28 Dave Boehlke

Thursday 29 Helen Lord Anderson, Julie Groleau, Carol Lundquist, Kathy Peters, Bruce Robertson

Friday 30 Mike Coyne

Saturday 31 Karen Beauchamp, Mark Paupore

Passages

In Celebration of:

* Our newest member, Cheryl Mayer, who joined our Messiah family on Sunday, July 14, 2019 during the 10:30 am worship. See her biography below.

In Sympathy to:

* Family & friends of Phyllis Payne who passed away on February 18, 2019 in Boca Raton, FL at her daughter's home. Her interment was at Park Cemetery in Marquette on July 17th.

New Member

Cheryl Mayer - She was born & grew up in Ann Arbor, MI and was baptized and confirmed in Bethlehem United Church of Christ, a church originally founded by German immigrants. She graduated from the University of Michigan as a Medical Technologist and specialized in Medical Microbiology for a 20 year career.

She subsequently married and they had 4 children who are now all young adults. One is in the Army, and is working on a Bachelor's degree, one just graduated from NMU, one just graduated from MTU and one is attending NMU. She is now partially retired and is drawn to Messiah because of the extraordinary friendliness & welcoming atmosphere. She looks forward to meeting everyone.

New Opportunity for Stewardship

Stewardship of the Earth (Messiah Environment Stewardship Team or MEST)—a newly-formed group to be led by Cary Bjork and Fred Maynard—will meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 7, after the community meal.

This group promises to offer exciting new opportunities for those of us who are concerned about caring for our church and community environment. We are reminded that “stewardship” involves much more than money. Being good stewards requires us to preserve & protect all of our valuable assets.

Mark your calendars now: August 7 at 6:30 pm, and the preceding community meal if you can attend. - - - *Messiah's Stewardship Team*

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Reflections From Our Messiah Members Who Traveled to Tanzania in June

3-R Method Learned in Africa

A group of women met at Azania Front for a directed Bible Study. Linda, Liz, and I participated. We used a simple and effective method to examine a well known Bible passage. It will also work with any Bible passage.

So, here's what it is. Read, Reflect, Respond, the 3-R method. It seems easy... We read the 23rd Psalm silently, then orally, then silently again, then from different translations. So, more reading than the usual quick once over.

Then we were asked to reflect on any new insights we found. I realized that I had skipped over one line: "He prepared a table before me in the presence of my enemies." This meant that God really cared for me. He loved me enough to prepare a gala even though I was surrounded by enemies. His action reflected this great regard for me - me! I had known that this Psalm meant I was cared for but at the banquet meant even more - that I was treasured. We shared this & other insights.

Then it was time for the last part - Respond. One way I'm responding is to share this 3-R method with you. More ways are to look at meals & banquets as ways to reflect God's care and love. I'm still not finished with the reflecting and the responding so this is one of the few Bible study forms that keeps leading me to new adventures. --- *Judy Quirk*

PQT - Personal Quiet Time

The Bible study leader at Azania also suggested PQT. I am trying to figure that space and time for me. A time that doesn't get interrupted. A place that is free from TV, phone, people, perhaps even pets. So I am trying to start with five minutes a day-everyday. A time to pray and read. I trust it will grow. --- *Judy Quirk*

Thought Provoking...

In Africa, we were introduced to the oldest member of three of the satellite churches Azania Front supported. Wow, what a surprise! These were young people. They were the ones who first joined these new congregations. Perhaps they asked to begin a House Church at their home or they walked four hours to attend Sunday services & asked that a church be established in their area. However things happened, they were the catalyst to begin the new church. They were highly esteemed persons. Members of Azania Front took up the challenge to provide assistance. Usually one or two persons were the champions for the new location.

I wonder if we would have the ability & faith to do a similar thing if someone from Deerton or Halfway Location asked the same - for help starting a church. --- *Judy Quirk*

Mabinti Center

On one of our day trips, we visited the Mabinti Center. This organization helps young women who have had difficult childbirths and developed fistulas. They become outcasts from their families and communities.

The Center offers 'hope'. Services include free surgical repair, health education and family planning. Marketable skills such as crocheting, sewing, fabric dyeing, screen printing and beading are shown to them. Also included are basic English language and business skills. When the women graduate from the program with improved self confidence, they are sent home with a sewing machine, fabric and start up money. -- *Elizabeth Beyne*

Marquette Area MOPS

Yes, our MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers) group is gearing up to continue for a fourth year at Messiah this Fall. We are getting a whole new burst of energy with new Coordinators; Alyssa Barker and Courtney Ter Mors. Alyssa is a mother of two and Courtney is a mother of three. They know (all too well) the importance of making a connection with other moms that can understand what a difficult journey motherhood can be. They have both been a part of our MOPS team for a couple years and this will be a natural progression for them and our MOPS group. Their passion will bring new ideas while maintaining the Christian message of MOPS and welcoming spirit for moms regardless of their faith journey. We introduced them at the end of our last season, with full support from MOPS leadership, moms, volunteers, and Messiah staff.

If you're an expectant mom, a mom, stepmom, foster-mom, or primary caretaker mom of a newborn through kindergarten, please come to our Open House on August 15th in Magnuson Hall between 6:00-7:00 pm, to register and/or find out more. We hope you can join us & pass this message on to others.

Marquette Area MOPS will continue to meet at Messiah on the second Thursday of the month (6-7:30pm) September through May. Occasionally, play dates & moms night out dates are also planned by the group. We welcome all moms from all backgrounds and focus on moms with children in the preschool age or younger. We also welcome moms, with children who have already left the house, to be our Mentor Moms.

Not a mom, or don't have young children? Volunteer! We are looking for some new volunteers (teenagers to grandmothers) to help with childcare, provide a snack or dessert, set up or take down. Email your name and that you're interested in volunteering to Nancy Hoover - messiah.nancyh@gmail.com

Journey Update for 2019/2020

On August 25, we will be having an introduction & party at North Forth as we look forward to the new year of Journey. I am excited to welcome new students. I am also happy that the 8th graders from last year (now 9th graders) will still be a part of Journey until they are confirmed on Reformation Sunday.

The format of Journey will be the same this year as it has been for the past two. We will have classes on the first two Sundays of the month. We will also have either a social event or a service project on the third Sunday. Class is after the second service & lunch will be provided.

The students have also enjoyed having time for games and socializing after each class. Pastor Andrew has introduced me to a new curriculum for Journey and I am looking forward to trying it this year. We will also be piloting two more modules through AMMPARO.

Over the summer we have played Dungeons & Dragons at North Fourth and enjoyed getting to know one another on a different level. Dungeons & Dragons requires teamwork and lots of communication. It will be a fun thing to continue, if students are interested.

If your student is going to be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade next year be sure and let the office know or you can call Jen Elsenbroek at 906-202-2657.

- - - *Jen Elsenbroek*

Messiah Funds Update

Did you give to Building to Serve (BTS) in the past? This fund was used for major building and maintenance improvement projects when committee recommendations were approved by Council. We all know that building ownership requires ongoing work to maintain, and sometimes those projects become a major expense or require replacement, such as some of our exterior doors. The fund, BTS, will no longer be used in our financial records going forward.

We have a new fund called the Capital Project Fund and you may donate to this as a means of supporting our future major expenses. The Organ Fund is currently a separate project in order to fund our commitment to renovate the pipe organ. - - *Nancy Hoover*

Thank You!

Messiah Lutheran, Thank you so much for letting us rest our heads and use your kitchen while our group works for Habitat for Humanity. We are so very blessed! Veronica & Steve Eicher and the Norway Grove Habitat Team

Thank You!

Thank you for the gift of utilities! Your generosity will be always on my mind. I will pay it forward when I can. Melinda

Sunday School News

Fall is just around the corner and we are still looking for a couple of teachers to help with the 2019-2020 Sunday School year. We are currently in need of another Preschool teacher as well as 1 or 2 people to help with the 3rd and 4th grade classroom. We welcome anyone who wants to work with children or even thought about working with children to take a moment and talk with us or anyone in the office and see if this might be something that will work for you. We are looking forward to another great year of Sunday School and thank the church for all of your support! --- *Gina Fortin & Holly Muscoe*

Loving Our Neighbor

Mid Year Assistance Report - As of July 3, our Assistance Team has had 150 individual interviews with people seeking assistance. We receive referrals from human service agencies, churches and individuals all over Marquette County and beyond. Messiah is known as a resource of last resort for many people. We have given out \$14,974.50 in 2019, with \$14,380 remaining in the account. The biggest needs continue to be housing and utilities, with medical, transportation and safety issues also a high priority. We have begun discussions with First Presbyterian & St Vincent de Paul to explore ways we can partner to help people whose needs are greater than any one of us can handle. Please continue to pray for and support this ministry of our congregation. --- *Mary Lou Blomquist, Volunteer Social Worker*

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Kathy & I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support over these last few weeks. A special thanks to those who shared their marvelous culinary skills and also to those who visited while Grant attended council & committee meetings. We would like to have you continue visiting, as time with friends is a cherished gift. It is time for us to come to grips with our new reality but as always your prayers are especially welcomed. -- *Grant & Kathy Soltwisch*

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Karla Kunnick, Marilyn Voce, Nancy & family, Oscar, Vanessa, Laura, Fátima, Flor, Cruz, Alison Cory, Pam, Leah Rodda, Rose Collins, Dennis Riutta, Kathy, Lois, Jan Summersett, John, Kendal, Sandy, Mike, Don Dreisbach, Gary, Sierra, Charlene Avery, Nai, Cam & his family, Liz Kro.

You may call the church office if you would like a person listed in the prayers. Please obtain permission from the person to list his/her name. In order to keep the list up to date and manageable in size, we will remove names from time to time. We also appreciate updates as to how people listed are progressing. Thank you!

Fortune Lake: A Year-Round Camp!

Did you know there are different events throughout the year at Fortune Lake? It isn't just a summer camp! There are events happening in the fall & in the winter every year. There is a brief description of each below & there are more details on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Inspired Yoga Retreat, September 13-15, 2019 - Designed to create a sense of renewal and restoration for your mind and body. We hope you find joy, laughter, fun, friendship and inner peace. It starts at 6:00 pm on Friday and ends at 11:00 am on Sunday. Online registration began on July 15th and the registration deadline is September 5. The cost for this retreat is \$100/person or \$120/person depending on which lodging selection you choose.

Quilt & Fine Arts Auction, October 5, 2019 - Fortune Lakes Fall Fest! Pre-viewing of items in auction takes place from 9:00 - 11:00 am in the chapel. There will be a buffet brunch in the dining hall from 9:00 - 10:30 am. Also in the dining hall will be the 'Market' where you can see homemade breads & pies. The 'Country Store' will include small handcrafted items & gifts, artwork, etc. The auction begins promptly at 11:00 am. If you are interested in entering an item in the auction, there are registration forms in the office.

Youth Retreat (Grades 3-6), October 11-12, 2019 - Come to camp for one day & night crammed full of friends, faith, food and fun! Bring a buddy with you, reconnect with camp staff & friends, and enjoy the fall at Fortune Lake! Highlights of the overnight are outdoor games, new & old friends, Bible study, general silliness & campfire! The cost of this event is \$50/person. You can register online from August 1 - October 3. They are in need of 25 campers at a minimum.

Adoptive & Foster Families Retreat, November 1-3, 2019 - Spend a weekend with other families touched by adoption and/or foster care. Enjoy devotions, conversation with Kerry Wiese, Private Adoption Supervisor from Upper Peninsula Family Solutions, Inc., and a good mix of family fun! The retreat starts at 6:00 pm Friday & ends at 11:00 am Sunday. Register on-line Sept. 1 through Oct. 24, visit fortunelake.org and follow the links. See lodging prices on the bulletin board outside the office.

Unfinished Objects (UFO's) Crafters' Retreat, November 15-17, 2019 - Do you have an art or craft project that has been tucked away for years, waiting for your attention? Commit to finishing it on this fantastic weekend away with other crafters! Relax in our comfortable lodges, meet old and new friends, have time for spiritual reflection, and cross that item off of your list for good! This retreat starts at 6:00 pm Friday & ends at 11:00 am Sunday. Retreat lodging in Grace or Emanuel Lodge; includes all meals, linen service & private baths. (\$90/adult)

Winter Wonderland Retreat, January 17-19, 2020 - More information in the October newsletter.

August 2019 Worship Volunteers

Saturday August 3 - 5 pm

Ushers- Chris Kotila, Kathy Godec
Reader- Chris Kotila
Communion Assistant- Kathy Godec
Communion Set-Up- Peggy Letvenow

Sunday August 4 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- David Dill, Bruce Robertson
Reader- Judy Quirk
Communion Assistants- Peggy Sager, Judy Quirk, Larry Pagel, one needed
Greeters- Mark & Laura Petrie
Assisting Minister- Larry Pagel

Sunday August 4 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- Bev Evans, one needed
Reader- Jill Luoma
Communion Assistants- Mike Hill, Jen Elsenbroek, Liz Beyne, one needed
Greeters- Jill Luoma, Julie Aho
Assisting Minister- Mike Hill
Video Technician- Joan Hill

Saturday August 10 - 5pm

Ushers- Billie Johnson, Carol Ontto
Reader- Carol Bell
Communion Assistant- Barb Salmela
Communion Set-Up- Billie Johnson

Sunday August 11 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- Barb Avery, Cathy Seblonka
Reader- Larry Pagel
Communion Assistants- Beth Krznarich, Peggy Sager, Dave Blomquist
Greeters- Barry and Ann Johnson
Assisting Minister- Mary Lou Blomquist

Sunday August 11 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Kerry McGinley, Dave Luoma

Reader- Mike Hill

Communion Assistants- Ruth Robb, Sandy Lindberg, Karen Burkman

Greeters- Nancy Raisanen, one needed

Assisting Minister- Sarah Janda

Video Technician- one needed

Saturday August 17 - 5 pm

Ushers- Chris Kotila, one needed

Reader- Karen Kimar-Johnson

Communion Assistant- Barb Salmela

Communion Set-Up- Kathy Godec

Sunday August 18 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- two needed

Reader- Marilyn Andersen

Communion Assistants- Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist, Beth Krznarich

Greeters- Jan Vickstrom, Joan Tasson

Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

Sunday August 18 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Dave Luoma, one needed

Reader- Laurel Kniskern

Communion Assistants- Mike Hill, Michael and Jenny Broadway

Greeters- Ruth Robb, Liz Beyne

Assisting Minister- Michael Broadway

Video Technician- one needed

Saturday August 24 - 5 pm

Ushers- two needed

Reader- two needed

Communion Assistant- one needed

Communion Set-Up- Peggy Letvenow

Sunday August 25 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- Shane Parks

Ushers- Anne Rydholm, David Dill

Reader- Fred Maynard

Communion Assistants- Beth Krznarich, Larry Pagel, Kathy Maynard

Greeters- two needed

Assisting Minister- Darley Kemppainen

Sunday August 25 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- two needed

Reader- Ruth Robb

Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Jen Elsenbroek, Ruth Robb

Greeters- Herb and Sandy Grenke

Assisting Minister- Jen Elsenbroek

Video Technician- one needed

Saturday August 31 - 5 pm

Ushers- Chris Kotila, one needed

Reader- one needed

Communion Assistant- one needed

Communion Set-Up- Carol Bell

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:

August - Children's diapers for boys/girls & baby wet wipes

September - Feminine pads & tampons

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

NGLS World Hunger Team

Dear Messiah Lutheran, Our sincere thanks for your participation in our 'Everyone Deserves a Piece of the Pie' World Hunger fundraiser.

* "Fasting is a discipline for the wealthy; for the poor, it is a way of life"

-- ANON

* "You helped make a big impact in our community AND world!"

*World Hunger Synod Assembly Offering -- \$36,216.09. Thank you Messiah for your contribution of \$4,801.68 toward this effort!

-- From the NGLS World Hunger Team

Bell Choir Picnic

Wow, this is becoming an Annual Event - **Bell Choir Picnic!** If you are a member of the Bell Choir or interested in ringing bells or are some of the music providers at Messiah, you are invited to a picnic at 3:00 pm, August 25, 2019, at Judy Quirk's camp.

Judy will provide a main dish, some beverages, and fixings for s'mores. You are invited to bring some things to add to the menu. The sauna can be fired up. There are kayaks, a canoe & a rubber raft. You can find a map in the church office. Remember the road is rough & rocky.

RSVP would be nice - leave a message at my home phone or cell (906) 228-6729. My cell phone number usually works at camp. (906) 251-1576

- - - *Judy Quirk*

Organ Update

If you've been in church the last few weeks, you've noticed that the organ pipes are gone! On July 6, a small crew from Messiah came to dismantle and move the choir risers and set up scaffolding to prepare a good work environment for the pipe work. On July 9, a crew of four from Buzard Organ Company came in and spent two days removing the pipes. They were individually wrapped and packed in trays and taken back to their facility for cleaning. See Messiah's Facebook page for photos. It was a fascinating process! Another crew will come on August 6 to do some work in the organ chamber and take the organ console back to the factory in Illinois. They hope to be finished with their work and return the organ to Messiah in November!

- - - *Kathy Strazzinski*

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Andrew & Pastor Allan, Thank you all for your generosity and kindness. I know I am not much of a churchgoer, but Messiah holds a spot in my heart forever. Thank you. Jackson Kagy

Thank You!

Dear Messiah Lutheran Church family, Thank you for the very beautiful letter from your beautiful church and family. You were a great part of our lives. I do miss all the friends we had at Messiah, there were so many! Many of them were at the funeral. God bless all of you, Very! Albrecht

OWLs

The OWLs (Older, Wiser Lutherans) group will continue to walk at 10:00 am each Monday morning at the Lower Harbor Park. They meet by the ice cream store. If there is inclement weather, they walk at the Superior Dome instead.

Bread for the World-Advocacy Opportunity

In June more than 300 people visited members of Congress in Washington D.C. This, with the outpouring of calls and letters, led to the introduction in the House of Representatives (H.Res. 189) of a resolution that recognizes the importance of U.S. leadership in accelerating progress on global nutrition. The resolution includes a call for increased efforts to scale up maternal and child nutrition. This is a key in preventing childhood stunting which affects nearly 1 in 4 children worldwide.

A Senate version of the resolution will be introduced soon. ACT NOW

Call (800-826-3688), email, or write our members of Congress. Urge them to co-sponsor the global nutrition resolution. For contact information and a sample letter, visit bread.org/activist.

Our Congress people:

Stabenow, Debbie - (D - MI)

731 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

(202) 224-4822

Contact: www.stabenow.senate.gov/contact

Peters, Gary C. - (D - MI)

724 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

(202) 224-6221

Contact: www.peters.senate.gov/contact/email-gary

1st District - Bergman, Jack - (R - MI)

414 CHOB: Cannon House Office Building Washington DC 20510

(202) 225-4735

LWR School Kits

The Women Reaching Women group is seeking donated school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits which will be sent to children in need around the world.

Please consider donating the following items:

70-sheet notebooks, wide- or college-ruled

30-cm ruler, or ruler with cm on one side and inches on the other

Pencil sharpener

Blue or black ballpoint pen (no gel ink)

Children's scissors

2 1/2" Pink Pearl-type eraser

Box of 16 or 24 crayons

These items will be collected during the months of August & September. The collection bin will be in the narthex, near the office.

Messiah's Church Staff:

Pastoral Staff:

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

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