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Messiah Calendar

Monday, July 1

10:00 am OWLs Walk
5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 pm ACIM
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 2

12:00 pm Tai Chi/QiGong
1:30 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 3

Nothing Scheduled

Thursday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 5

Pr. Andrew's day off
8:00 am Men's Ministry

Saturday, July 6

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, July 7

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:45 am Worship
9:45 am Celebration Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship

No Community Meal

There will not be a community meal in the month of July at Messiah. Our next community meal will be on Wednesday, August 7 at 5:30 pm. We hope to see you there.

In The Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pastor Andrew & Pastor Allan and soon, 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: July 6-18, 28-31
Pr. Allan Johnson: July 1-5
Pr. Molly Eversoll: July 19-27

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in the August Messenger is Monday, July 22, 2019.

Messiah's Newsletter

June 30, 2019
Volume 101, Issue 7

Submissions for Weekly Announcements are due by 6:00 pm the Wednesday prior to publication

June 30, 2019

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Flowers: To the Glory of God...



From Bill Maki

Radio: To the Glory of God...



From our Messiah family

From Pastor Andrew

Friends, These are exciting days at Messiah!

On July 10th, Pr. Molly Eversoll will begin as our associate pastor! Please welcome her when you see her and pray for her as she moves. She's excited to join us and I'm thrilled to have Molly as a colleague. Her first weekend preaching will be July 20th and 21st. On August 3rd, she'll be ordained in Roscoe, Illinois. Anna and I will be there representing our congregation and in September or October we'll all get to celebrate Pr. Molly's installation here. Stay tuned for that date!

Before Pr. Molly begins, I want to share a few words of thanks for Pr. Allan. For nearly two years Allan has filled in as our interim associate pastor. He's done so with a deft touch and graciousness that has served our congregation well during times of transition. His teaching, preaching, and presence at God's table have been gifts to all of us. As a colleague, he has been an utter joy to work with. His wisdom and dry humor are matched by a deep pastoral presence and care. I am grateful for his ministry among us and am equally grateful that he'll still be around. For the next month or so, Allan will still provide a bit of staff support. After Molly's ordination, he shall be back in the pews as an 'ordinary' member of Messiah. We'll find a time to roast/toast him and his ministry with us sometime soon. In the meantime, please thank him when you see him!

In addition to pastoral transitions, there's much more going on at Messiah. Last week the Council unanimously approved becoming a welcoming congregation with Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO), which is a ministry of the ELCA. This precipitated from our amazing confirmation students (see Jen Elsenbroek's article p. 6-7) & their desire to be involved in supporting migrants. Their passion led to a conversation at Social Action and then Council. Both believe that this is just a first step in Messiah's ministry and work with immigration issues and a small Task Force has been charged with looking at the next steps. If you are passionate about this part of our ministry and call as a church, please keep your eyes open for an announcement about a meeting

and/or talk with Tom Bronken, Jen Elsenbroek, or Susan Shaver. I am immensely grateful that the youth of our church are leading us in this work and am hopeful for what this means for our congregation.

If you are interested in learning more about AMMPARO, please check out their website (<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/AMMPARO>). The welcoming congregation commitment says that we, Messiah, will do the following: welcome and minister to migrants; physically accompany migrants as they make new lives in local communities; pray for justice for migrants; and advocate for public policy that will positively impact the current immigration crisis – including working in partnership with the ELCA Washington Office and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service on immigration reform. We will seek to live into these words and in ministry with immigrants of all ages.

In addition to immigration, there has been a groundswell of interest in working on environmental stewardship and caring for God's creation as a congregation. Cary Bjork and Fred Maynard will be helping host a gathering on August 7th, following the community meal, for anyone interested. Whether you're interested in education, advocacy, greening our building, landscaping with native plants, or anything else eco-justice oriented, I hope you'll come. For more information check out the announcement later in the Messenger!

Finally, last week Messiah was buzzing with the energy of over fifty kids at Vacation Bible School! A huge thank you to all the volunteers that made it happen! If you haven't seen the great photos from the week on Facebook, check them out! (there's a link on our website). Facebook is another great way to stay connected to what's going on at Messiah. You can also follow us on Instagram (@messiahlutheranmq).

Friends, I am proud of our congregation and am grateful for the witness that each of you give. Thank you for all that you do for our children, our congregation, and for our wider community. May these summer days nourish you in body and spirit as we give glory to God and serve as Her hands in this world.

paz,
Andrew

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.

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

Her installation will be at Messiah in Marquette in the fall. As Pr. Andrew said in his article, more details will be published as they are planned.

Synod Assembly 2019

Gail and I, along with Grant and Kathy Soltwitch, Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist, and Larry Pagel, attended the recent annual meeting of the Northern Great Lakes Synod in Escanaba. Several other members of Messiah were also present, and participants in, the initial worship service at Bethany Lutheran. Some of you may not know that Larry has served as Treasurer of the Synod for many years.

The various meetings and workshops left me with the renewed impression that the work of the church extends far beyond the walls of Messiah. The keynote speaker was Dwight Zscheile, who has written a book entitled *The Agile Church*. Although I have not yet read the book, the thrust of his message is that the church is going to have to change and adapt if it is going to survive.

How to do this will require God's guidance. At a minimum, this will require meaningful involvement in our community outside the church.

- - - *Al Edgar*

Rachel Circle

Messiah's Rachel Circle will be assembling **baby care kits** for Lutheran World Relief. To do this, they need your help. Each kit will contain the following items:

- 2 lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies)
- 2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets (could be crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn up to 52 inches square)
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include a baby cap
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 2 pair of socks
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended

All items are welcome but we especially need toddler/infant socks, bars of Ivory soap, T-shirts and sleepers/gowns. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

AMMPARO

Messiah's Journey class was given the wonderful opportunity to pilot a program from AMMPARO (**Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection Advocacy Representation and Opportunities**). Our students completed Module 1: Root Causes in Central America. Module 1 had three sessions. Session One was when we learned about life in Central America, particularly the Northern Triangle (Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras).

Session two focused on 'Accompanying Young People on the Journey'. This session contained several personal stories, videos and allowed us to role play (as if we ourselves were making the trip).

Session three was a Skype call to El Salvador. In preparation for this call, I spoke with Cruz (through an interpreter named Flor). Cruz is part of the staff for the Migrant Ministry Program of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church. Cruz wanted to stress the difference between forced migration (which is what we are seeing at our southern border) and internal displacement, when people are forced to relocate within their own country for safety reasons. Internal displacement is happening in El Salvador. This call was difficult to schedule, but well worth the effort. We listened to heartbreaking stories and pledged to pray for them.

One story was from a pre-med student named Oscar. When Oscar refused to join a gang, the gang poured gasoline on his home and burned all of his belongings. He and his family were internally displaced. However, despite the intense hardship, Oscar wants to stay in his country to make it better! Oscar then told us that being able to share his story brought him hope! In the midst of horror, HOPE! May we all remember to listen to each other.

Remembering that Joseph, Mary and Jesus were refugees, Matthew 25:35 is a guide for us:

" I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me." (*The Message*)

After the Skype call, it was abundantly clear that, although there are in fact physical needs, emotional & spiritual support offers just as much comfort. Please pray for Oscar, Vanessa, Laura, Fatima, Flor, and Cruz.

The students involved were interested in finding away to be involved as a congregation and the AMMPARO leadership invited us to become a Welcoming Congregation. The students overwhelmingly agreed that we should take this step, and after the welcoming commitment was presented to and affirmed by the Social Action team, Council unanimously approved Messiah to become an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation!

The conversation about immigration and how our congregation is involved has only just begun. Keep your eyes open for information about next steps!
- - - Jen Elsenbroek

Meals & Support for Soltwisches

We have organized an online account on Meal Train where people can sign up to provide Grant & Kathy a few meals each week. To sign up to provide a meal for them, go to <https://mealtrain.com/d99y5l> (Please note the last character in this website is a lower case "L".) If you do not have computer access you can call the church office, and one of them can sign you up for a date.

Grant would also appreciate being able to call people to be with Kathy at home whenever he has other commitments or errands. If you are interested in helping in this way, please call Grant, or call the church office at 225-1119.

Frank & Jan Thank You!

Dear Messiah family, Thank you so much for all the wonderful meals you have brought us and for your visits. We want you to know these acts of kindness mean more than you know. We are grateful for all that you have done for us and continue to do. Thank you! *Frank & Jan Summersett*

Thank You!

Messiah, Thank you for all the love and support you have taught me about and given me. Thank you for the generous gift! Love, Rachel Dodge

Stewardship

For several years the stewardship team has put on a THANK YOU dinner for the many Messiah members who volunteer. This was a way of saying thanks to all who serve. These folks make a difference in Messiah, our community & the world. It is what makes Messiah special.

On May 22nd, over 100 people attended this celebration. If you weren't able to attend, please plan to come next year! We need to include everyone who does anything - - YOU ARE THE LIFE OF THIS CHURCH.

The stewardship team urges all, especially new members to "Get Connected & Make a Difference". Please check out the book in the pews -- read it, take it home, give it some thought & join in!

Remember..... **Volunteering is Stewardship!**

Lectionary Readings - July 2019

July 7 -- 4th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm.....Psalm 66:1-9
Second Reading.....Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Gospel Reading.....Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14 -- 5th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm.....Psalm 25:1-10
Second Reading.....Colossians 1:1-14
Gospel Reading.....Luke 10:25-37

July 21 -- 6th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm.....Psalm 15
Second Reading.....Colossians 1:15-28
Gospel Reading.....Luke 10:38-42

July 28 -- 7th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm.....Psalm 138
Second Reading.....Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Gospel Reading.....Luke 11:1-13

OWLs Walk (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

The OWLs are walking at the Lower Harbor Park starting at 10:00 am on Monday mornings. In the event of bad rain weather, they will walk at the 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.

Thank You

It has been a privilege to serve Messiah as interim associate pastor beginning in September of 2017. Since Sara & I joined Messiah we've been delighted to be part of Messiah's strong ministry in our community and in overseas partnerships, we have been nourished by outstanding preaching and music, and we have felt the warmth of Messiah's fellowship. Our congregation is a treasure; I'm glad I've been able to help in this transition. Now I'm looking forward with equal delight to returning to being a supportive member of the congregation as we move in new directions with Pastor Andrew and Pastor Molly. We've got an outstanding leadership team, and I am looking forward to these next years being a joy.

Thank you for this opportunity, and thank you for the ministry and mission Messiah offers!

Your soon-to-be-ex-interim associate pastor, Allan E. Johnson

Updates From the Financial Secretary

Statements: It's that time again to be on the lookout for your first six-month giving statement to be mailed in July. You may notice a change in the statement layout; however, all information will still be displayed. Please review your statement and let me know if you have any questions or concerns, by calling or leaving a message for me in the office, or emailing me at Messiah. NancyH@gmail.com

Special Gifts & Pew Envelopes: Pew envelopes are being simplified to show only the more common special gifts. You may use the "Other" option to write in your donation designation for something not printed specifically on the pew envelope. The Discretionary fund is also known as our Community Assistance fund. The building to serve (BTS) fund is no longer in use, however, the Organ Fund is a current focal point. -- Nancy Hoover

Fair Trade Coffee - Brown or Red Bag?

Our Fair Trade sales are a ministry to people around the world trying to lift themselves out of poverty. Coffee continues to be our big seller and we deal with two sources - Equal Exchange (RED BAG) and Thrive (BROWN BAG). The difference is this: Lutheran World Relief partners with Thrive (BROWN) and the coffee is sourced directly from farmers who participate in LWR projects. The farmers are not just suppliers, they are partners and in addition to receiving a good price up front for their product, they are shareholders and get a share of the profits from the sales. PLUS: (And this is the important part) for every pound purchased in the BROWN bags, 80 cents goes back to LWR for future development projects to assist those in poverty in developing countries. SO- even though the BROWN bags are a bit more expensive, consider this another way we can share the resources God has given us.

-- Global Mission Team

Messiah's Birthdays

July 2019

- Monday 1 Lincoln Gordon
- Tuesday 2 Garrett Crimmins, Bruce Heikkila, Olivia Ruuska, Paula Taylor
- Wednesday 3 Linda Bullock
- Thursday 4 Louise Anderson
- Friday 5 Maria Flores, Charlie Ruuska
- Saturday 6 Helen M. Johnson, Jocelyn Mead
- Sunday 7 Rachel Dodge, Kate Johnson, Sally Olson, Tom Osier
- Monday 8 Paul Finstrom, Kelly Mead
- Tuesday 9 Sara Johnson
- Wednesday 10 Pearl Larson, Jillian Perry
- Thursday 11 David Broadway
- Friday 12 Alec Beauchamp, Abigail Reynolds
- Saturday 13 No birthdays
- Sunday 14 Erin Langenberg
- Monday 15 Bennett Gordon, Becky Johnson, Ashley Mattson
- Tuesday 16 Ruth Koehler
- Wednesday 17 Jesse Elsenbroek
- Thursday 18 William Hendrick, Paul Marin
- Friday 19 Michelle Walters
- Saturday 20 No birthdays
- Sunday 21 Lawrence Hendrick, Gregory Larson, Penny Streeter, Zachary Wiese
- Monday 22 Bill Weaver,
- Tuesday 23 Kaylee Gardner, Eric Wolf
- Wednesday 24 Bob Sromalski
- Thursday 25 Jon Banitt, Sarah Ruuska

Friday 26	Eric Banitt, Jeff Harry, Cory Mattson
Saturday 27	Hailey Fezatt
Sunday 28	Mark Fuller
Monday 29	Dave Winslow
Tuesday 30	Ernie Johnson, Jerrold Weeks
Wednesday 31	Devin Fortin, Ron Strazzinski

Passages

In Sympathy to:

- * Lynn Lanczy's children upon the passing of their father, Jack Dudo.
- * Family & friends of Judy Knapp who passed away June 13, 2019.

In Celebration of:

- * Our newest members: Anna Zimmer, Pr. Andrew's wife, and William Messenger who were both received as new members recently. We welcome both of you to our Messiah family.

Interfaith Tree Planting

This coming Saturday morning, July 6th, volunteers are invited to join Jon Magnuson, Fred Maynard & Kathy Maynard to plant 150 Northern white cedar trees in the Yellow Dog Watershed near Big Bay. (Rain or Shine!)

Meet at Messiah Lutheran Church's parking lot (305 W Magnetic St.). We'll depart at 9:00 am and will return by 1:00 pm. We will car pool to the Presbyterian Church in Big Bay and meet for a brief orientation and healthy snack. Each small tree seedling will be prayed over and, as requested, dedicated to an individual, a family member or community.

For more information contact Jordan at 231-709-3001 or contact The Cedar Tree Institute <cedartreeinstitute.org> contact number 906-228-5494.

Our last summer Saturday morning planting will be on July 13th. If you wish to donate a tree(s), envelopes are available in the narthex or in the church office. This is a project of the Northern Great Lakes Water Stewards. Thank you for your support!

FUN FACT: Climate change is the result of a build-up of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. One young tree is estimated to absorb 13 lbs of carbon/yr. Five hundred trees will absorb 6500 lbs of carbon/yr. The interfaith Water Stewards, have planted 1800 trees since 2016. Annually that amounts to a healing process of reducing carbon each year in the atmosphere of 23,400 lbs. Tree planting is sacred work. For people of faith, this is a practical, gentle, hands-on expression of discipleship. - - *Jon Magnuson*

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Council Highlights - May & June

May 2019

1. Approved bids for new door security with funds to come from undesignated memorials.
2. Approved purchase of new computers & new software for projection system.
3. Approved purchase of an AED.
4. Received new members: Darlene Martin, Anna Zimmer, and William Messenger.

June 2019

1. The new doors should be installed in August.
2. We will tentatively plan for Pastor Molly's installation in September.
3. The organ should be decommissioned on July 22.
4. We agreed to become an AMMPARO welcoming congregation (see article on pages 6 & 7 in this newsletter).

UP Nursing Honor Guard

The Upper Peninsula Nursing Honor Guard is an up and coming all-volunteer organization looking for active and retired nurses to volunteer their time to honor and recognize nurses at the time of their death for their dedication and contributions they made in the nursing profession. After death services offered include:

A. Honor Guard:

The honor guard will silently stand guard at the nurse's casket, urn or picture to give last respects

B. The Nightingale Tribute:

The Nightingale Tribute and/or a nursing poem may be read during service or graveside.

C. Final Call for Duty:

A Nightingale Lamp is lit in the nurse's honor. The nurse's name is called with a request to report to duty. With no response, the lamp's flame is extinguished. After the flame is extinguished, the Nightingale Lamp is presented to the family.

D. Pallbearers:

Up to eight nurses will serve as pallbearers for the honoree if requested by the family.

E. Graveside services:

All the above recognitions can also be preformed at the graveside.

To request information to become a volunteer and/or request Honor Guard services, please contact us at (906) 280- 1471 or upperpeninsulahonorguard@gmail.com

Special Events in July & August

- July 1 Summer Shelter week
- July 3 **No** Community Meal scheduled
- July 3 Church office closing at 2:00 pm
- July 4 Church office closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday
- July 10 Molly Eversoll's first day in Messiah's office
- July 14 Norway Grove arrives & will be here for a week, working with Habitat for Humanity
- July 22 Carpet cleaning starts
- July 23 Carpet cleaning
- July 24 Carpet cleaning ends
- Aug 7 Community Meal at 5:30 pm in Magnuson Hall
- Aug 7 Messiah's Environmental Stewardship Team's first meeting/conversation. Join us in the atrium at 6:30 pm following the community meal for this conversation.

Journey

Journey will meet several times throughout the summer. We are having fun playing Dungeons & Dragons. Our extremely talented and very patient dungeon master, Liam, has been leading our sessions. Because this game requires communication, thought, and cooperation, we have gotten to know one another on a different level. It has been so much fun!

We plan to have two meetings in July & two in August, noted below. We will also go on a hike & have a picnic.

July 14- Dungeons & Dragons at North Fourth

July 21- Dungeons & Dragons at North Fourth

July 28- Picnic at Picnic Rocks

August 4- Dungeons & Dragons at North Fourth

August 11- Dungeons & Dragons at North Fourth

August 25- Sugarloaf hike

As we look forward to our next school year, Confirmation Sunday will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2019. -- *Jen Elsenbroek*

Pray for Our Travelers

We hope you have kept Liz Beyne, Linda Carlson & Judy Quirk in your prayers this past couple weeks as they have traveled over to Tanzania to visit our brothers & sisters in Christ. They are scheduled to return to Marquette on July 1st. We look forward to hearing about their time away.

We also want to keep our high school youth group in our prayers as they spend four days in Ann Arbor doing service work with 'Food Gatherers' & 'Habitat for Humanity'. They will also take some time to see some sights in that area like the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

Care About The Environment?

Join us for the first meeting of our Messiah Environmental Stewardship Team
- **August 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm.**

Are you interested in working to improve our environment, carbon footprint, and to take better care of God's creation? Our congregation has always cared for the community and the world around us, and we want to be more intentional about how we care for the earth. If you're interested in environmental issues, we invite you to join us! We're seeking your passion, energy and ideas on how to make MLC more energy efficient, environmentally friendly, and aware of our relationship with God's creation. Ultimately, we hope that what we do here, at our church, will spread to impact our homes and the rest of our lives.

Whether you're already involved on a team or committee at Messiah, or are scared of committees, we hope you'll come and help us look to the future together.

This initial gathering will follow the community meal, the meeting will be held in the atrium. Come for dinner & then stay for the conversation! Please get involved and work with us to as we try to improve the environment for our children and grandchildren.

School Kits, Quilts, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits--Where Do They Go?

For many, many years Messiah's quilters & circle members have worked to provide quilts, school kits, personal care kits & baby care kits to people in need. These items are shipped to the Lutheran World Relief office in Baltimore, then shipped all over the world. Our members have generously donated items to include in these kits--note the overflowing baskets outside the sanctuary!

Last month we received an email from Melanie Gibbons, the current coordinator of the quilt & kit ministry at Lutheran World Relief. She writes:

In the last few months, we've sent shipments to the following countries:

El Salvador

Partner: the Lutheran church of El Salvador

Items: Quilts, Personal Care Kits, School Kits, Baby Care Kits, Fabric Kits

Need: communities trapped in chronic poverty

Lebanon

Partner: ANERA

Items: Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Fabric Kits

Need: Palestinian and Syrian refugees

Mozambique

Partner: Save the Children

Items: School Kits

Need: emergency school centers in communities impacted by Cyclone Idai

Sierra Leone

Partner: Child Fund

Items: School Kits

Need: schools and community centers in communities struggling with chronic poverty

Mali

Partner: FSN (local nonprofit)

Items: Blankets, Quilts, School Kits, Fabric Kits, Baby Care Kits

Need: communities trapped in chronic poverty

The Republic of Georgia

Partner: UHIP (local nonprofit)

Items: Quilts, Personal Care Kits, School Kits, Baby Care Kits

Need: internally displaced population in Tserovani, one of the country's largest informal settlements for displaced people

Coming up, we will be providing quilts and kits to Romania & Angola.

As you can see from these details, School Kits remain in high demand. We're deeply grateful that folks are hearing our calls for School Kits, because we are seeing donation numbers increasing! The challenge is that even as more School Kits come in, our partner requests for them also continue to rise. We know that education is one of the keys to helping families and communities break the chains of poverty, and these requests are one sign of this reality. So if you have folks in your areas who are asking what they should focus their efforts on right now, the answer is School Kits!

Thank you, friends and members of Messiah for your support of these vital ministries!

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Nancy & her family, Oscar, Vanessa, Laura, Fátima, Flor, Cruz, Gary Geschwindt, Alison Cory, Pam, Leah Rodda, Ruth Koehler, Jean Arntsen, Herb Grenke, Rose Collins, Dennis Riutta, Kathy, Lois, Jan Summersett, Jim Shelby, John, Valerie, Kendal, Sandy, Mike, Karen, Cindy LaValley, Marilyn Voce, 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 and in the winter every year. There is a brief description of each below & there is more detailed information 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 begins 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 - More information in the August newsletter.

Unfinished Objects (UFO's) Crafters' Retreat, November 15-17, 2019 - More information in the August newsletter.

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

Did You Know?

Did you miss a Sunday worship service? Or did you want to listen to that choir anthem once again? Do you prefer listening to a sermon rather than reading it on line? Every week Sunny 101 archives our worship services so you can listen to them on their website. The following address will take you to the page: <http://wkqsfm.com/sunday-church-services-on-sunny-fm>. Or you can go to their website and search for church services and follow the links from there.

July 2019 Worship Volunteers

Saturday July 6 - 5 pm

Ushers- Chris Kotila, one needed
Reader- Chris Kotila
Communion Assistants- Peggy Letvenow
Communion Set-Up- Peggy Letvenow

Sunday July 7 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- Cathy Seblonka, Mark Petrie
Reader- Marilyn Andersen
Communion Assistants- Beth Krznarich, Peggy Sager, Dave Blomquist
Greeters- Pat Nebel, Penny Streeter
Assisting Minister- Grant Soltwisch

Sunday July 7 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- Dave Luoma, one needed
Reader- Aili Mendelin, Marla Mendelin
Communion Assistants- Mike Hill, Michael and Jenny Broadway
Greeters- Jill Luoma, Liz Beyne
Assisting Minister- Mike Hill
Video Technician- Joan Hill

Saturday July 13 - 5pm

Ushers- Billie Johnson, Harry Rajala
Reader- Diana Peterson
Communion Assistant- one needed
Communion Set-Up- Billie Johnson

Sunday July 14 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- Bruce Robertson, Mike Coyne
Reader- Darley Kempainen
Communion Assistants- Beth Krznarich, Pegger Sager, Emily Coyne
Greeters- Darley Kempainen, Anne Todia
Assisting Minister- Larry Pagel

Sunday July 14 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Dave Luoma, Bev Evans

Reader- Laurel Kniskern

Communion Assistants- Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman, Sandy Lindberg

Greeters- Rebecca Ulland, Sandy Grenke

Assisting Minister- Michael Broadway

Video Technician- Liam Ulland-Joy, Michael Joy

Saturday July 20 - 5 pm

Ushers- Chris Kotila, one needed

Reader- Karen Kimar-Johnson

Communion Assistant- one needed

Communion Set-Up- Carol Bell

Sunday July 21 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Cathy Seblonka, Ray Jarvis

Reader- Fred Maynard

Communion Assistants- Fred and Kathy Maynard, Mary Lou Blomquist

Greeters- Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

Sunday July 21 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Liz Beyne, Dave Luoma

Reader- Mike Hill

Communion Assistants- Michael and Jenny Broadway, one needed

Greeters- two needed

Assisting Minister- Michael Broadway

Video Technician- Myra Zyburt

Saturday July 27 - 5 pm

Ushers- two needed

Reader- Chris Kotila

Communion Assistant- one needed

Communion Set-Up- Carol Bell

Sunday July 28 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Barb Avery, Mark Petrie

Reader- Lynne Hammerstrom

Communion Assistants- Bruce Robertson, Beth Krznarich,

Carl Hammerstrom

Greeters- Pat Nebel, one needed

Assisting Minister- Terry Langenberg

Sunday July 28 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Liz Beyne, Dave Luoma

Reader- Paul Marin

Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Mike Hill, Betsy Little

Greeters- two needed

Assisting Minister- Delaney Parks

Video Technician- Joan Hill

Devotions Link

www.prayfaithfully.org is an on-line devotional reading service maintained by the Northern Great Lakes Synod and written by various pastors and laypersons.

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:

July - Female deodorant, male deodorant

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

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

Scholarship Student Update from Sharing the Dream in Guatemala

Every November Messiah hosts a Global Fair trade market with items for sale from our companion congregation in Colombia and from several other organizations. One of these organizations is Sharing the Dream in Guatemala. Sharing the Dream in Guatemala began in 1996 with the dream of promoting sustainable fair trade by providing fair wages and employment opportunities to low-income artisans. Sharing the Dream works with over 20 cooperatives and small businesses that use traditional Maya techniques to create unique, handmade products. The purchase of these crafts not only provides an income for these artisans, but also supports community development projects in Guatemala.

We recently received the following update from Sharing the Dream's summer newsletter:

Our scholarship program is growing! In 2019, we have 25 scholarship students located in 4 municipalities. The vast majority of the students are from the communities outside of Santiago Atitlan, but we also have five scholarship students in Chichicastenango, two in Tamahu, Alta Verapaz, and one in Chua Cruz, Solola. In order to provide the individualized attention that we see as being so important, we have two tutors this year.

Apart from their tutoring sessions and required 6 volunteer hours a month, the scholarship students have been busy this year. In February, the students prepared the entertainment for the elder's Valentine's Day party. They sang songs, played games, performed skits, recited a poem, and danced. In March, the scholarship students participated in a workshop on environmental education. After the workshop, the students were assigned to come up with and execute a community service project. In April, we held our annual scholarship student get-together. The students listened to a speaker on a topic related to their health and wellbeing, and they played games and had lunch together.

This year, we have continued with the reading circle. Due to the large number of students and the difference in reading levels, we have formed two groups that meet twice a month each. During the reading circles, the students read together and then do activities that help them to analyze the readings and think critically. The reading circles also help to foster a love of reading in the students.

Check out our recent blog "Summer Scholarship Student Update" <https://www.sharingthedream.org/blog> to read more about what the students have been up to recently and to see pictures of the activities. Please help us to continue to provide tutoring and other essential support to the scholarship students. Make a donation to support children in Guatemala by going to www.sharingthedream.org/doante.html

Thank you to Thrivent Financial in the US for all of the grants and for their support to Sharing the Dream in Guatemala. The extra t-shirts go to the scholarship students, where we really strive to fulfill the motto of living generously.

Mid-Year Assistance Report

As of June 5, our assistance volunteers have had 129 individual visits with people seeking help with basic needs in their lives. The overwhelming number of requests are for rent deposits and utility payments. Other issues are transportation, medical and safety concerns and so many things most of us take for granted. We have distributed \$12,234.63 so far, and at this rate are on track for \$25,000 plus for 2019. Thank you for supporting this ministry which embodies our call as Christians to serve and love one another.

Personal Care Kits

Many thanks to all who donated for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. With your generous contributions, 89 kits have been put together and are ready for shipment wherever they are needed. Thank you!

Summer Shelter

The Summer Shelter started at Messiah on Sunday, May 26th. Messiah has been hosting this program for four weeks. Our last week (5th week) to host will be the week of June 30 - July 7. The Summer Shelter guests arrive at Messiah at 9:00 pm to be checked in, they sleep in the lower level in rooms 101 and 103. They are usually gone between 6:00 & 6:30 am each morning.

New Paraments!

Have you noticed the new paraments in the sanctuary? Bright shades of green, shiny new paraments! They were hand made by Cindy Kotila. She does amazing work! We are so grateful for the talent in our congregation. Thank you Cindy!

Reminder

Messiah's church office will close at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, July 3rd. The office will also be closed on Thursday, July 4th for the holiday. It will open again on Friday, July 5th at 8:00 am for normal business.

Messiah's Church Staff:

Pastoral Staff:
Senior Pastor.....Andrew Plocher

Support Staff:
Parish Administrator.....Jennifer Dodge
Administrative Assistant.....Inga Banitt
Custodian.....Kevin McGrath
Parish Accountant.....Mike Hill
Financial Secretary.....Nancy Houwer

Music Staff:
Music Director.....Dave Duganais
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Organist.....Kathy Strazinski
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