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Messiah Calendar

Monday, May 27

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

Tuesday, May 28

12:00 pm Tai Chi/QiGong
1:00 pm Knotty Knitters
1:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
6:00 pm Worship & Music

Wednesday, May 29

4:00 pm North Fourth
4:00 pm Swedish Class
6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 pm MediaShout Training
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, May 30

9:00 am Conflict Training
9:00 am Quilting
11:00 am Women's Cursillo

Friday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 1

1:00 pm Eleanor Waatti Visitation
2:30 pm Eleanor Waatti Funeral
5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, June 2

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:45 am Worship
9:45 am Celebration Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship
11:00 am Journey

Community Meal - June 5

Our next community meal is on Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30 pm! We will be cooking and serving sloppy joes with coleslaw, chips, pickles & a dessert. We look forward to sharing dinner with you!

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: June 2-5, 9-12, 16-19, 23-25
Pr. Allan Johnson: June 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 26-30

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in the July Messenger is Monday, June 24, 2019.

Messiah's Newsletter

May 26, 2019
Volume 101, Issue 6

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


May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

 Corinne Puska from Ed Puska & family

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

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Changing of the Seasons

Friends,

After this long winter, it seems the seasons have finally changed. The snow shovels have been replaced with garden ones and the spring rains are nourishing the earth. As the school year comes to a close, we move into a season where time seems caught, simultaneously accelerating and slowing. Picnics and barbeques, graduations and moves, camping trips and summer camps, sports teams and tournaments, vacations and vacation bible school, and much more are rapidly arriving to fill our days. These summer days are indeed full and wonderful!

As our schedules begin to shift, I encourage you to look at summer as a time of being rather than doing. So often we dive into seasons, and schedules, with the belief that it's about getting things done. It is tempting to try to fill every nook and cranny of our schedules with activities and trips, seeking to pad our adolescent resumes or just stay busy. Somewhere along the way summer became a time where we don't rest. It's all-too-often turned into the time to do everything we couldn't, or didn't have time for, during the rest of the year. Why is that? What makes us naïve enough to believe that a change in a season creates more time? It doesn't. There are no more hours in a day in July than in December, yet that extra daylight makes us think we have more time. If anything, the sunlight and warmth call us to pause and let go of things.

I encourage you to find ways to just 'be' this summer. Sit and read, stick your feet in a lake or a wading pool, or take a hike along the Dead River or up Hogback. Sit on a porch or patio and sip some iced tea, work in your garden, go to the beach (and just stand in the chilly waves). Just be. Put the to-do lists aside for a few minutes, hours, or days. Let yourself bask in the stillness of the summer air. It is a time when extra daylight shouldn't mean more work, but time to rest and connect. What if we gave these extra hours of light to God? To connecting with our neighbors? Or to resting and honoring ourselves?

I know 'being' rather than 'doing' goes against what we think we are, and so I ask – just try. I will be trying, too. I have the bad habit of seeing empty space on the calendar and instantly trying to fill it. I'm going to try to leave it open. I encourage you to do so too.

The following words of the poet Mary Oliver, found in her book *New and Selected Poems*, remind me of the blessing found in 'being'.

The Summer Day

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean—

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down—

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?

blessings,

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.

Worship Bulletin Available Online

Messiah is now offering an electronic version of the 8:45 am worship bulletin online for those who listen to the 8:45 worship service on the radio. Go to our website, www.messiahlutheranmqt.org, click on WORSHIP and scroll down to the 8:45 am worship section, then click the link for the bulletin. You can also find a link for the 8:45 bulletin on our home page where the worship times are listed.

Bell Choir Members 2019

The thirteen members of Messiah's bell choir have concluded another successful year. The members of the choir for 2018-2019 ringing season are Marilyn Andersen, Inga Banitt, Kathy Bergh, Mary Lou Blomquist, Sue Feldhauser, Ann Johnson, Gayle Mack, Mark Petrie, Anne Rydholm, Molly Smith, Kathy Soltwisch, Rebecca Ulland, and Myra Zyburt. As their director I thank each of them for their faithful attendance at rehearsals, their hard work, and willingness to ring for so many Sundays and Christmas services. As we begin again in the fall, please consider becoming a member. -Judy Quirk

Book Reviews - Social Action Team

As the social action team was reviewing some of its activities from the past few years we thought it would be appropriate to lift up some readings we have used to better understand parts of our place in creation. Copies of these three books can be found in the shelves in the Atrium.

First: What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty by Ehlig & Payne

We used this resource when we had a several week study focused on poverty. If you attended the study, consider a review. If you didn't, the book will surprise you as you work through charts and questions to see if you could survive the "Hidden rules among classes." The Bible references and self/congregation assessments are valuable resources. This book is good for a group study or individual reflection.

Second: The Cross in the Closet by Timothy Kurek

Timothy Kurek became friends with a woman who was excommunicated by her family when she came out as lesbian. He had been raised in a strict, conservative Christian denomination but knowing her didn't fit the picture he'd been taught. He decided the only way to understand her pain was to come out as a gay man to see for himself how the label of gay would impact his life.

This book is the story of his journey both into the world as a gay man and then back into his heterosexual world.

Third: transforming by Austen Hartke

transgender, nonbinary, genderfluid, bigender, pangender, agender, cisgender, they as a singular pronoun? So many of these words find a comfortable place in your understanding of human sexuality or gender? Gender identity is the least understood in the LGBTQ+ spectrum. This book may help. In addition to discussions and definitions, there are stories of people, Christian Transgendered people, and their experiences in church and the world. The book, written by Austen Hartke who is a graduate of Luther Seminary's Master of Arts program in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Studies, is replete with Biblical and historical references.

High School Graduates 2019

This year Messiah recognizes the following High School graduates: Luke Beerman, Rachel Dodge, Jackson Kagy, Erynn Messana, Caire Smith, Andre Walsh, Josh Wetelainen, Roni Wiese.

For those graduates who can attend, they will be recognized on Sunday, June 2nd at the 8:45 am worship service. We will have cake in their honor during coffee hour on June 2nd. Please help us to congratulate them on a job well done. Their graduation ceremony will be on June 2nd at 2:00 pm in the high school gymnasium.

Bios of 2019 Graduates

Rachel Dodge—Rachel is graduating from Marquette Senior High School. During her time at MSHS, she was a Girl Scout and a cheerleader (sideline and competitive cheer). She earned a silver award in Girl Scouts and an honorable mention for cheer through MSHAA. Rachel received awards for academic achievement, outstanding academic achievement, and Excellence in Education.

At Messiah Rachel taught Sunday School, helped with Vacation Bible School and community meals, and participated in youth group events. She also volunteered in the classroom watching young children for MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers).

During her senior year, Rachel was enrolled in Health Occupation Students of America Club (HOSA). In her health occupations class at MSHS, she was able to job shadow a speech language pathologist and a physical therapist.

This summer Rachel has several jobs—working at Simply Superior and the Huron Mountain Club and also as a babysitter. In the fall she will attend Grand Valley State University where she plans to pursue a degree in speech language pathology.

Claire L. Smith - Claire is graduating from Marquette Senior High School, with distinction (4.0). Claire was on the high school dance team for two years & participated in the Dawn Dott Dance Studio dance competition team. Claire taught dance at Dawn Dott Dance Studio & worked another part-time job while attending school. She was enrolled in HOSA and the health occupations class.

This summer Claire will be working at Starbucks as well as at Superior Eye (she spent part of her health occupations class at this clinical site & loved to learn about the eye). After graduation she will be attending NMU where she has been accepted into the pre-med program.

Stewardship

Around 1 million animal and plant species (out of about 8 million on the earth) are now threatened with extinction, many within decades, more than ever before in human history. Our ecosystems, species, wild populations, local varieties and breeds of domesticated plants and animals are shrinking, deteriorating or vanishing. This loss is a direct result of human activity and constitutes a direct threat to human well-being in all regions of the world. These are some of the conclusions of a new report from the United Nations backed Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

Noted author Jared Diamond predicts that the world in 2050 has a 49% chance of being very different (the world as we know it will end). We are dealing with non-sustainable fisheries, topsoil, agriculture, etc. There is no chance of avoiding this unless we acknowledge the problem and admit that human activities are, to a large degree, causing it.

We are charged to be good stewards of our planet and the gifts of nature that God has given us. What can we, individually and as Messiah Lutheran Church, do to help?

We can strive to use renewable energy in our homes and our church building. We can do landscaping that will attract and support pollinators, birds and bees, and to increase plant life to help combat the increasing CO2 levels in the atmosphere. The forests of the world are continuing to disappear. The worst offenders are: consuming beef, soy, oil palm, pulp and paper. Can we affect this by changing our purchasing and eating patterns?

The stewardship committee encourages the church council and membership to work to decrease our environmental impact. We are hoping that there will be a meeting scheduled in the near future for interested people to discuss these issues and move forward. Stay tuned. ---*Your Stewardship Team*

Visa Interview Dates

Have you seen the new photos on our Colombia kiosk in the atrium? They show four of our friends from Luz y Vida congregation in Bogotá who are hoping to visit us in Marquette this fall. They have gotten their passports and now they need to receive their visas. Pastor Jairo Suárez recently emailed to let us know that their visa interviews have been scheduled at the US embassy on July 23 and 24. Please keep these four people in your prayers: Yohana Diaz, Jesús Pinzon, Johana Castellanos and Rocio Gomez. We pray that they will have success in obtaining their visas so they, along with Pastor Jairo, can come to Marquette in a few short months!

Lectionary Readings - June 2019

June 2 -- 7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....*Acts 16:16-34*
Psalm.....*Psalm 97*
Second Reading.....*Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21*
Gospel Reading.....*John 17:20-26*

June 9 -- Pentecost

First Reading.....*Acts 2:1-21*
Psalm.....*Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*
Second Reading.....*Romans 8:14-17*
Gospel Reading.....*John 14:8-17*

June 16 -- The Holy Trinity

First Reading.....*Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*
Psalm.....*Psalm 8*
Second Reading.....*Romans 5:1-5*
Gospel Reading.....*John 16:12-15*

June 23 -- Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Isaiah 65:1-9*
Psalm.....*Psalm 22:19-28*
Second Reading.....*Galatians 3:23-29*
Gospel Reading.....*Luke 8:26-39*

June 30 -- Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21*
Psalm.....*Psalm 16*
Second Reading.....*Galatians 5:1, 13-25*
Gospel Reading.....*Luke 9:51-62*

Meals & Support for Soltwisches

Grant and Kathy Soltwisch are very appreciative of all the prayers & support that our Messiah community has offered in the past several months. Thank you!

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 Jen or Inga 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.

OWLs Walk (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

The OWLs are now 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 Inga at the church office to be referred to someone who has volunteered to give rides.

Journey

The Journey students had their first 'official' Dungeons and Dragons game day on Sunday, May 19th. Honestly, I was not sure what to expect. To my pleasant surprise, it was so much fun! During the game, all players depend on each other & have discussions. It is a game that takes cooperation & communication. Because it was such a positive experience, we decided to schedule two more games in June! We will meet on June 2 & 9 at North Fourth. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Looking forward, I will schedule a hike and or picnic in July, as well as more time at North Fourth. Please feel free to contact Jen Elsenbroek with any questions.

Messiah's Birthdays

June 2019

- Saturday 1 Ron Brow, Augie Gentz, Brandon Groleau
- Sunday 2 Sandy Lindberg
- Monday 3 No birthdays
- Tuesday 4 No birthdays
- Wednesday 5 No birthdays
- Thursday 6 Joan Gauthier, Lois Kampe
- Friday 7 Barb Orhanen
- Saturday 8 John Kiltinen, Judy Quirk
- Sunday 9 Jim Hewitt, Jon Hewitt
- Monday 10 Mary Beals, Karen Goins, Rulon Jewett
- Tuesday 11 Pauline Kiltinen, Bruce Lindberg, Frank Summersett
- Wednesday 12 Shanna Bennett, Phil Hoover, Maggie Lindholm, Lillian Tuimala
- Thursday 13 No birthdays
- Friday 14 Karen Johnson
- Saturday 15 No birthdays
- Sunday 16 Jenni Blondeau, Jean Reynolds, June Swanson
- Monday 17 Grace Gronowski, Terry Langenberg, Ross Larson, Betsy Little
- Tuesday 18 Helen Bjork, Meghan MacPhee, Mylee Muscoe, Jane Phillips
- Wednesday 19 Josslynn Hendrick, Courtney McGovern, Joel Tervo, Jan Vickstrom
- Thursday 20 Carol Bell, Gabe Gentz, Amber Hewitt, Taylor McGovern
- Friday 21 Lars Gentz
- Saturday 22 Evan Fezatt, Carol Masuga
- Sunday 23 Marjorie Andersen
- Monday 24 Clayton Evans, Effie Jussila, Elden Wilder

Tuesday 25	Ben Brow, Don Dreisbach, Jon Magnuson, Logan Peterson, Mackenzie Verbeke
Wednesday 26	Nancy Rolig-Todd
Thursday 27	Ben Taylor
Friday 28	Jessica Boehlke, Grayson Wash
Saturday 29	Finn Bennett, Jaime Olson
Sunday 30	Jason Elsenbroek, Melissa Hill, Chuck Suckow

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* Michael & Jenny Broadway upon the passing of Michael's mother, Phyllis Broadway, who passed away on April 30, 2019.

In Celebration of:

* Pastor Andrew on receiving his doctorate of ministry in pastoral counseling from Louisville Seminary, Louisville, KY.

* Our newest member Darlene Martin, who was received into our membership on Sunday, May 26, 2019. Please welcome Darlene to our Messiah family. She has transferred from another ELCA church and she is Helen Steinhoff's daughter.

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:

June - Male and female razors & male and female shaving cream

July - Female deodorant, male deodorant

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

In The Hospital

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

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Medication Help Available

If you have questions &/or concerns regarding your medications, you can contact pharmacist Barb Salmela at salmela432@yahoo.com or by calling 906.250.1016. All inquiries are confidential. She can help find discounts for medication, ways to possibly obtain them for free, or suggest less expensive alternatives. Also, if you need assistance signing up for Medicare, please call Barb for an appointment. She would be happy to help you through this process.

Keryx

Keryx is a Greek word used to mean a Herald or messenger. The Herald's job was to bring the King's message to his people. The Keryx I am writing about is a weekend retreat held in Marquette Branch Prison. Twenty five volunteers spend Thursday afternoon, all day Friday, Saturday and until three o'clock on Sunday afternoon with 24 prisoners bringing God's message to His children. The weekend is an encounter with the love of Jesus Christ for all of God's beloved children.

We begin on Thursday with the story of the Prodigal Son, which we call the forgiving Father. We spend most of Friday recognizing that we are all the beloved children of God. Saturday's message is about what God wants us to do. Our answer is that God wants us all to be Christ's person in the places we live, work, play and worship. Sunday is spent addressing the question "How do I do that?" Our answer is "With other Christians in prayer, study of Scripture and planned Christian action. Action intended to lead others to come to know the love of Christ." The love of Jesus shines through the eyes of the prisoners to other inmates and many others are reclaimed as the Forgiving Father's sons.

Does it really change lives? Here are two examples of responses of men after the latest weekend. First, "I was at my lowest. My wife had just announced that we were done! I hadn't eaten in three days. I wanted to die. My bunkie (cell mate) invited me to Keryx. It was my last shot at life. Now I have the love of Christ and 24 new Christian brothers. I need all of you. I want to hold on to what I now have". Second, "I was a drug abuse counselor who relapsed and wound up here, in prison. My life was over! Then Jim's talk spoke to me. Boom! I got it! God wants me back out there helping others see that God wants them back too. I really needed that".

Many of you prayed for us during the weekend. Thank you! We posted a list your first names on the wall and I showed your names to the men in my group. They couldn't quite believe that other Christians would take the time to remember and pray for them.

May God continue to bless the Christian outreach of Messiah Lutheran Evangelical Church. Amen

-- Dave Blomquist

Fortune Lake Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Association took place on Sunday afternoon, May 5th. I attended as a delegate from this congregation. It was a beautiful afternoon and perfect for spending time outside walking around the camp before the meeting began. I hadn't been to the camp since my niece Dulcey and then fiancée Chris had their wedding there almost 5 years ago. There have been some changes in 5 years and my favorite was the new gazebo. It is truly beautiful and a peaceful spot to sit, meditate and pray.

The annual meeting began at 3:00 p.m. (Fortune Lake time) and lasted an hour. The summer 2019 theme is Transformed Community. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

With a quorum established, an election for the camp board of directors was held. Craig Etelamaki, Kevin Eggers, and Karen Kolstad were returned to the board and will be joined by new board members; Pastor Jared Howard (Faith Lutheran Church), Ingrid Storm (First Lutheran Church in Ewen), and Kelly Ylitalo (Licensed Lay Minister at First Lutheran Church in Gladstone)

The 2019 budget was presented and includes replacement of the boiler for Emanuel Lodge, replacement of the camp's truck, hiring a part time development director, building a new aqua jump, repair of the Vagland showers, and upgrades to technology.

Congregations were asked to promote fundraising to help pay for a new used truck for the camp. The truck is used year-round to help with everything from hauling tubes for campers in the summer to plowing snow in the winter. The current truck is a few decades old and ready to retire. The camp plans to purchase a 2008 Ford F-250 for \$13,500 and hopes to raise that money through donations from individuals and congregations.

We ended the meeting singing the "Hymn for Fortune Lake." Following the meeting, the installation service for new camp director Amanda Rasner was held & dinner was served in the dining hall along with the first s'mores of the season.

--Kathy Godec, Fortune Lake Delegate

Meals for Summersetts

We have set up an online account on Meal Train to provide meals for Frank and Jan Summersett. To sign up to provide a meal for them, go to <https://mealtrain.com/64817k>

Anyone who does not have computer access can call the church office, and Jen or Inga can sign you up for a date.

Special Events in June & July

May 26 Summer Shelter starts at Messiah

May 27 Memorial Day, Messiah office closed

June 2 High School recognition at 8:45 am worship

June 2 Summer Shelter week

June 5 Community Meal at 5:30 pm

June 9 Cake during coffee hour in celebration of Pr. Andrew Plocher receiving his doctorate of ministry in pastoral counseling from Louisville Seminary

June 9 Summer Shelter week

June 16 Father's Day

June 17 Vacation Bible School week! Running from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm each day through June 21. Children can come to any day of VBS, one or five.

June 23 Installation service at 3:00 pm for Pr. Don Ludemann at Prince of Peace

June 23 Summer Shelter week

June 30 Summer Shelter week

July 3 **No** Community Meal scheduled

July 14 Norway Grove arrives & will be here for a week, working with Habitat for Humanity

VBS Reverse Offering

We are starting the reverse offering for Vacation Bible School in June! During the first two weeks of the month, there will be slips available for you to pick up in the narthex on the welcome table. Please pick up a piece of paper & bring in the item on the slip. It's that simple! All items will be used for snacks & activities during VBS this month. Thanks so much for all your hard work and willingness to help out--you really are doing God's work! -*The VBS Team*

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Ruth Koehler, Jean Arntsen, Herb Grenke, Jen Bleckiner, Rose Collins, Bill Maki, Irving Riutta, Kathy, Lois, Jan Summersett, Jim Shelby, John, Valerie, Kendal, Sandy, Bill, Mike, Karen, Cindy LaValley, Marilyn Voce, Larry, Don Dreisbach, Gary, Sierra, Charlene Avery, Nai, Cam & his family, Liz Kro, Katelin Bingner.

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!

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*

Synod World Hunger Offering

More than \$35,000 was raised at the synod assembly last weekend in the Pie fundraiser - and the funds are still coming in. Our congregation sent \$4800.00 of this amount (six pieces of the pie on the wall by the office), and contributions are still being accepted. The campaign has ended, but the needs of the hungry are still around. Thanks to all who participated.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! We are really excited to be hosting this ministry and look forward to a really exciting year! Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 17-21st, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church. This year's theme is "Who Is My Neighbor?", and has a World Hunger focus. Here is a brief overview of the week's topics:

Day One – God loves us (1 John 4:19)

Day Two – Let your light shine (Isaiah 58:10)

Day Three – No fear (1 John 4:18a)

Day Four – God loves everyone (Acts 10:34b-35)

Day Five – Building God's neighborhood (Romans 15:2)

Each day begins with a large group opening, including a skit to introduce the daily theme of the day. This is followed by "family time" – small group sessions to dig deeper into the theme and Bible verse for each day. Then, participants travel through five rotations: crafts, games, snacks, storytelling, and a "simulation station" – a fun activity to learn more about hunger and how our faith calls us to respond. At the storytelling station, children will hear about some of the ways animals are helping our neighbors fight hunger in their communities through projects supported by gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Each day ends with a large group session to recap the theme and lessons.

- - - *The VBS Team*

Sunday School Teachers

Messiah's 2018-2019 Sunday school teachers were recognized during 10:30 am worship on Sunday, May 19th. They all did a wonderful job with our children this year. Thank you to each and every one of you! You do make a difference!

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Emily Paupore & Rachel Dodge
1st & 2nd Grade: Maria Rodriguez, Josh Wetelainen & Valerie Slaght
3rd & 4th Grade: Jeremy Bower
5th Grade: Stephen Luty
Substitute Teachers: Mark Paupore, Vickie Paupore, Joan Hill, Mike Davis, Traci Busick, Jen Elsenbroek
Prepare Mailings: Dick & Karen Oslund
Sunday School
Co-ordinators: Gina Fortin & Holly Muscoe

Summer Shelter

The Summer Shelter will be held at Messiah starting on Sunday, May 26th. Messiah will host this program for five weeks. We will not be the host during our Vacation Bible School week (6/17-6/21). Our last 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.

The folks who organize Room At The Inn, The Warming Center and Summer Shelter are ones who schedule the volunteers that sit here through the night with our sleeping guests.

Answer the Call Sunday - May 26

The Northern Great Lakes Synod is asking all churches in the Synod to hold an 'Answer the Call' Sunday sometime in the month of May. There was an insert in your bulletin recently with more details. There are extra copies in the office. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this campaign. If you are willing to contribute, please fill out the bottom of the insert and make your check payable to Messiah Lutheran Church or to Northern Great Lakes Synod. Make sure to include the note "Answer the Call" on the memo line of your check. You may put these in the offering plate during worship on May 26 and we will take care of them on our end or we will get them to the Synod. Thank you for helping to offset the financial burden of future seminary graduates!

Live - In Nanny

We have a member seeking a live-in nanny for a young toddler. She is looking for an elderly woman or a college student who would be willing to watch the young child (while she works part time) in exchange for rent. Interested parties inquire in the office.

June 2019 Worship Volunteers

Saturday June 1 - 5pm

Ushers- Barb Salmela, Harry Rajala

Reader- Carol Bell

Communion Assistants- Peggy Letvenow, Barb Salmela

Communion Set-Up- Peggy Letvenow

Sunday June 2 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Sten and Jane Taube

Reader- Marilyn Andersen

Communion Assistants- Beth Krznarich, Terry Langenberg, Peggy Sager

Greeters- Pat Nebel, Barb Avery

Assisting Minister- Terry Langenberg

Sunday June 2 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Liz Beyne, one needed

Reader- Ruth Robb

Communion Assistants- Mike Hill, Ruth Robb, one needed

Greeters- Gayle Van Osdol, one needed

Assisting Minister- Dave Luoma

Video Technician- Joan Hill

Saturday June 8 - 5pm

Ushers- Billie Johnson, Chris Kotila

Reader- Diana Peterson

Communion Assistant- Kathy Godec

Communion Set-Up- Billie Johnson

Sunday June 9 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Anne Rydholm, Bruce Robertson

Reader- Larry Pagel

Communion Assistants- Beth Krznarich, Mark Petrie, Larry Pagel

Greeters- Penny Streeter, Helen Steinhoff

Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

Sunday June 9 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Gayle Van Osdol, Ruth Robb

Reader- Paul Marin

Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Paul Marin, Betsy Little

Greeters- Mark and Vickie Paupore

Assisting Minister- Sarah Janda

Video Technician- Joan Hill

Saturday June 15 - 5 pm

Ushers- Barb Maszlewski, Barb Salmela

Reader- Karen Kimar-Johnson

Communion Assistant- Diana Peterson

Communion Set-Up- Carol Bell

Sunday June 16 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Sam Elder, one needed

Reader- Lynne Hammerstrom

Communion Assistants- Peggy Sager, Cathy Seblonka, Carl Hammerstrom

Greeters- Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Assisting Minister- June Ackroyd

Sunday June 16 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- two needed

Reader- Jen Elsenbroek

Communion Assistants- Mike Hill, two needed

Greeters- two needed

Assisting Minister- Mike Hill

Video Technician- Myra Zyburt

Saturday June 22 - 5 pm

Ushers- two needed

Reader- Chris Kotila

Communion Assistant- one needed

Communion Set-Up- Kathy Godec

Sunday June 23 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Cathy Seblonka, Anne Rydholm

Reader- Fred Maynard

Communion Assistants- Beth Krznarich, Carl Hammerstrom,
Kathy Maynard

Greeters- Barb Avery, one needed

Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

Sunday June 23 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Dave Luoma, Lavonne Gaspar

Reader- Mark Paulsen

Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Ruth Robb, one needed

Greeters- Sandy Grenke, one needed

Assisting Minister- Paul Marin

Video Technician- one needed

Saturday June 29 - 5 pm

Ushers- Ron Tervo, Jan Julian

Reader- Kathy Godec

Communion Assistant- one needed

Communion Set-Up- one needed

Sunday June 30 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Bruce Robertson, one needed

Reader- Brenda Blett

Communion Assistants- Peggy Sager, Cathy Seblonka, Beth Krznarich

Greeters- Pat Nebel, one needed

Assisting Minister- Terry Langenberg

Sunday June 30 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Dave Luoma, one needed

Reader- Ruth Robb

Communion Assistants- Ruth Robb, two needed

Greeters- Julie Aho, Maria Rodriguez

Assisting Minister- Jen Elsenbroek

Video Technician- one needed

From The Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every May, your congregation sends two or more members to attend the Synod Assembly on behalf of your congregation. Every year, we as congregations joined together in ministry gather together for 2-3 days to learn, worship, network, celebrate, discern, discuss, and remember that we are the body of Christ together.

This is no small thing.

So often it seems there is a temptation to get overwhelmed with the demands of ministry in our own setting. We can get bogged down in the details. The mail keeps coming, the bills need to get paid, there are the continual challenges of finding volunteers, getting acolytes, arranging for funerals, attending to relationships, navigating opinions and personalities, scheduling activities around school and community calendars...I could go on and on.

Yet each one of our congregations is not an island unto itself. You are in partnership with neighboring ELCA congregations and ecumenical churches. You are connected to 79 other ELCA congregations in your Synod. In terms of the Body of Christ, you might consider yourself a toe, or a finger, or an elbow. Together as a Synod, when we think of all 80 congregations as connected, then we might be a whole arm with a hand, or perhaps a leg with a foot attached.

Even as we consider the whole ELCA together, we are still not a complete body, as the Church also includes Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Methodists, Episcopalians, and on and on. Together we are the Church on earth and the body of Christ in world.

So this work we do, the mission we strive to accomplish, is not just about what your church does in your community. The World is a big place, and God so loved it all, so our efforts are not exclusively local or global, but rather both.

So that is where the Synod expression of the Church and the global expression of the Church come in very handy. Such expressions enable us to be faithful in our efforts, both locally and globally as these expressions provide the opportunity for each congregation to participate in mission and a purpose that is bigger than any one congregation or any singular community.

You are faithful to our wider mission with every gift of Mission Support that you send to the Synod. Your Synod bookkeeper, Betsy Koski, then continues that faithfulness by sending a portion of what you have sent on to the churchwide expression of the ELCA.

The percentage of that portion is one of the decisions that the Synod Assembly makes as we seek to be faithful, not only to the mission and ministry here in the Northern Great Lakes, but also the wider and bigger impact we can have as the ELCA together.

The Synod Assembly is one way that we seek to Equip the Saints for Ministry. Those who attend will return to your congregation with stories of how our work together is building up the body of Christ, not only here, but across the Church and throughout the world. They will return to you with ideas, new knowledge, and a deeper understanding of what it is that we strive to do together that has greater purpose and broader possibilities.

I pray that the people you send will find meaning and joy in the time spent with other Northern Great Lakes Synod Lutherans. And perhaps next year, it will be your turn.

Yours in Christ, *Bishop Katherine Finegan*

Video Projection & MediaShout Training Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 pm

We're about ready to begin switching our worship projection over to the MediaShout program. I don't expect the transition to be difficult; in my opinion, the screen layout of MediaShout is easier to follow. But it is a transition, and I probably wouldn't have recommended it except that the recent update of our earlier program convinced me that in the long run it would be difficult to maintain. (At some point I will need to hand this project over to someone else, and I don't want that transition to be a major problem!)

I'm planning that our session on Wednesday, May 29 will be rather straightforward: we'll be looking at how to control and run a MediaShout worship script. (Training in building scripts will be more complicated, and we'll get into that later, most likely with individual tutorials.) By the end of this session, you'll be ready to run our new worship software on Sunday morning with confidence.

I look forward to working with you on May 29! A special note to our volunteer projectionists – I am deeply grateful for your continuing participation in this project, and if for any reason May 29 doesn't work for you, please let me know. I will be glad to get together with you for a personal training session

Allan E. Johnson, Interim associate pastor

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