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Messiah Calendar

Monday, April 29

8:00 am MAPS Kindergarten
Screening
10:00 am OWLs Walk
5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm Bell Choir

Tuesday, April 30

8:00 am MAPS Kindgn Screening
12:00 pm Tai Chi/QiGong
1:00 pm OWLs Barrier-Free Prestn.
1:00 pm Knotty Knitters
1:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Superior Handbells

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 am MAPS Kindgn Screening
2:30 pm Norlite Worship
4:00 pm North Fourth
4:00 pm Swedish Class
5:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm Community Meal
6:00 pm Music for all Kids
6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 pm Celebration Choir Reh.
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, May 2

8:00 am MAPS Kindgn Screening
9:00 am Quilting
11:00 am Women's Cursillo
5:00 pm Building & Grounds

Friday, May 3

Pr. Andrew's day off

8:00 am MAPS Kindgn Screening
8:00 am Men's Ministry

Saturday, April 4

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, April 5

8:15 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:45 am Worship
9:45 am Celebration Rehearsal
9:55 am Prayer Partners
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Journey
11:30 am VBS Volunteer Meeting
4:00 pm Superior Handbell
Concert

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: May 1, 5-8, 11-15, 21-22, 25-29
Pr. Allan Johnson: May 2-4, 9-11, 16-20, 23-25, 30-31

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in the June Messenger is Monday, May 20, 2019.

Messiah's Newsletter

April 28, 2019
Volume 101, Issue 5

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

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

Flowers: To the Glory of God...



From Bill Maki

Radio: To the Glory of God and In Recognition of...



Lutheran Campus Ministry at NMU from Larry Pagel

A Note From Pr. Andrew

Friends,

Jesus Christ is risen! The tomb is empty. The cross is empty. Jesus is on the loose!

What a joyous Sunday of worship we had on Easter! What a rich and powerful week of worship it has been in our lives together!

The service for my installation as your senior pastor was amazingly beautiful and moving. A special thanks to Dave Dagenais, Kathy Strazzinski, the blended choir and "Day by Day" group, the brass quintet, our praise band, Chrys Hendricks for the new Palm Sunday (and gloriously 'installation' red) banner, Bishop Finegan for the wonderful sermon and for officiating, and all of the numerous people who assisted with worship. Thanks too, to all of our staff who added an installation on top of busy preparations for Holy Week, and to the Council for putting together a wonderful reception. There aren't words enough for the gift of that service and the presence of so many of you! Thank you!

It has been an utter joy to get to know you and our congregation this past month. Getting to walk with you through the final weeks of Lent and through Holy Week has been a whirlwind of powerful worship, and I have relished all of it. As we move into the Easter season, I am looking forward to the continued opportunity to get to know you. As I've mentioned before, I'd love to meet you over coffee or lunch, or if you would want to gather over a meal with Anna and me, please don't hesitate to reach out! I can be reached on my email at andrew@messiahlutheranmqt.org, through the office, or on my cell phone (373-6036). When you see either of us, please continue to (re) introduce yourselves. Names will take us a little while, but we're enjoying starting to put names and faces together!

Although the exuberance of Easter worship and the artistry of the musicians and Queen City Arts dancers are now behind us, we're beginning the season of Easter. In the life of the Messiah, this means there are exciting days ahead of us. The first weekend in May, the 4th and 5th, we will be hosting a candidate for associate pastor! I am overjoyed to have Ms. Molly Eversoll join us

that weekend and for all of you to get to meet her. Your Council and I believe that she is an excellent candidate for our beloved congregation. Please hold Molly in your prayers as she travels to be with us and as she prepares to lead us in worship. Pray too for her discernment, and that of our congregation, as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in this next chapter of our lives together. You can find more information about Ms. Eversoll on pages 5-6 of this Messenger.

In the midst of the excitement of Easter, and an associate candidate's visit, I'd like to also remind you that the 50-day long season of Easter is an opportunity to reflect more broadly and deeply on the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus. These days and weeks give us space to hear the story, to breathe in the new life of spring, to wrestle with what Jesus' resurrection means to us today.

Each of us have different ways we find time for reflection. For some of us it's a walk in the woods, for others it's listening to an Easter cantata by Pachelbel. For some it might be baking or working on a project, for others it might be sitting in the silence of the sanctuary. However you find time to reflect, let me suggest a few additional ideas:

- You might ponder where you've seen death lead to resurrection (in the world, in relationships, in church, at work)
- You could reflect on what resurrection means to you today and how the hope that it gives changes how you see the world.
- You might draw, craft, and create in ways that bring joy and new life.
- You could find something to recycle and repurpose, to resurrect into something new.
- You could take photos, write a journal, or find other ways to witness and document the gratitude and hope you see in resurrection,
- You might take on a new activity, volunteer, tutor, or engage in ways that help bring newness to your life and/or someone else's.

I'm sure you can think of more, too. The beauty of the Easter season is that it allows us to think deeply and to pray broadly about what the resurrection of Jesus means, both to us and to our world.

Of course, Easter really isn't just a season either. In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life — in which we are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:11), called to “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). Every year, for fifty days, we get to celebrate and rehearse this new way of life. We get to live into resurrection.

If nothing else, a season of Easter means that we get to let the wonder and mystery of resurrection percolate in our hearts for fifty days. I don't know about you, but I need this sort of percolation.

blessings,

Andrew

Meet Messiah's Associate Candidate, Molly Eversoll

Dear Members of Messiah, Greetings as we begin this Easter season! I write today to with more joyful news to celebrate!

Acting as the Call Committee, your Council has sought candidates for our next associate pastor. Our Bishop shared an excellent candidate to us, who, after prayerful deliberation, we would like to put before you. Ms. Molly Eversoll is a candidate for ministry in our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

We have invited Ms. Eversoll to meet our congregation, to preach and lead worship on the weekend of May 4 and 5, 2019. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Saturday, May 4

2:00-4:00 pm – Reception

Atrium

5:00 pm Worship

Sanctuary

Sunday, May 5

8:45 & 10:30 am – Worship

Sanctuary

Fellowship between services

Atrium

Please mark your calendars! Here is some more information about Molly!

Molly Eversoll was born and raised in Clinton, Iowa, and attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. At Luther she double majored in English and Religion and was active in campus ministry and the small group outreach program. After she graduated, she spent a year in service with Urban Servant Corps in Denver. There she helped with their food pantry and ran an urban education program for youth to learn about homelessness, poverty, and to do service work. After her year of service, Molly moved to Chicago to attend seminary at The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), from which she will graduate later this month. During 2017-2018, Molly served as the intern at Calvary Lutheran Church in suburban Fort Worth, Texas. More recently, she has worked for The Center of Christian-Muslim Engagement for Justice and Peace in Chicago.

In her free time, Molly enjoys writing, running, crocheting, cooking and baking, and trying new restaurants and breweries. She has one older sister, also an ELCA pastor, who lives with her brother-in-law, three rambunctious nephews, and mother in the Rockford, Illinois, area.

Molly's references glowingly praised Molly's gifts for ministry, including her creativity and curiosity, passion for preaching and teaching, and ability to engage with all people of all ages and walks of life. One of her references said, "[Molly] 'shows up,'" but not just that: she shows that she wants to be present, whether with the children of the congregation or the hospitalized, with homeless or with interfaith partners, and especially in Word and Sacrament." Molly has a heart and passion for ministry, and our Council believes she brings gifts and skills that would be blessings to Messiah.

This upcoming visit by Ms. Eversoll is not the end of the larger call process. After Molly has met with the congregation and led worship, the call committee will be meeting to vote (2/3 majority required) on whether to nominate Molly as Messiah's next Associate Pastor. IF that vote is affirmative, then on Sunday, May 26, at a Congregational Meeting, you will be presented with two resolutions: the first is to vote on extending a Call to Ms. Eversoll (paper ballot/two-thirds majority required for passage) and the second is to approve a compensation package (simple majority by voice vote required for passage).

Special Congregational Meeting Today-Sunday, April 28

Immediately following the 10:30 am service today, there will be a special congregational meeting to consider a proposal from the Buzard Organ Company to complete repairs & updates to the organ. Our magnificent pipe organ was built and installed in 1977. Now it's time for needed maintenance & repairs; authority to do so requires congregational approval. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

This is a Stewardship Article, Please Read Anyway

Sometimes folks don't want to read about stewardship. They may think that it is about money again. Well, this one isn't. Not that giving money isn't important, it surely is. It is part of how we show our gratitude for that with which God has blessed us. Our members are very generous in giving of their financial resources and we thank you.

This article is about how we can become involved in the many opportunities we have to serve God by giving of our time and talents. A pamphlet entitled "Get Acquainted" can be found in the racks of the pews. It lists the Teams and Committees which serve so many important ministries of our church. It also lists the name of the person who leads the group as well as a statement about what they do. If one of the teams catches your eye, please contact the chairperson of the team to get more information about what they do. You just might want to join their team. Try it, you might like it.

Thanks for reading. *Messiah Stewardship Team*

Noisy Offering! - May 5

A noisy offering will be taken for our World Hunger Fund on May 5th. Bring your pocket change with you! Check our progress on the chart by the office door.

Council Highlights - April

1. Reviewed the credentials of a candidate for associate pastor and suggested several dates for the candidate to come and meet the congregation.
2. Approved Barry and Ann Johnson for membership.
3. Requested advice from the finance committee to pay for doors and security repairs and upgrade, as well as building-needs assessment.
4. Approved new faucets in bathrooms.

Nancy Kalweit Memorial Services April 30 & August 24

We received a phone call from Nancy Kalweit's daughter Karin that Jacobetti Home for Veterans will be including a short memorial for Nancy as part of their Protestant worship service on Tuesday, April 30 at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome, and please spread the word to Nancy's friends in the community. A memorial service to celebrate Nancy's life will be held at Messiah on August 24, 2019. Visitation will begin at 11:00 am until the time of service at 1:00 pm. A reception will follow in Magnuson Hall.

Journey Update

Journey class has gone a little differently than originally planned. We were pleasantly surprised with an offer we couldn't refuse. AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities) is an ELCA organization. It is a holistic, whole church commitment by the ELCA, as a church in the world, to accompany children today and in the future. This outreach program has asked our Journey Class to pilot a youth group curriculum specifically about the immigration crisis. Our Journey class has completed Module 1: Root Causes in Central America. The three sessions of Module 1 looked at the lives/challenges of immigrants and will end with a Skype phone call to a Salvadoran church. It has been a spectacular (as well as an eye opening) program! Module 2 and 3 are being developed and will be available to us as soon as they are finished. I think our youth are so blessed to have this look into to our world!

A BIG thank you to Pastor Don for connecting me with Mary Campbell! Without his help, I am not sure I would have gained access to this program.

During the Month of May, we will have an end of the year party. We will also have a couple other social events during the month.

- Jen Elsenbroek, Journey Leader

Lectionary Readings - May 2019

May 5 -- Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....*Acts 9:1-6*
Psalm.....*Psalm 30*
Second Reading.....*Revelation 5:11-14*
Gospel Reading.....*John 21:1-19*

May 12 -- Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....*Acts 9:36-43*
Psalm.....*Psalm 23*
Second Reading.....*Revelation 7:9-17*
Gospel Reading.....*John 10:22-30*

May 19 -- Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....*Acts 11:1-18*
Psalm.....*Psalm 148*
Second Reading.....*Revelation 21:1-6*
Gospel Reading.....*John 13:31-35*

May 26 -- Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....*Acts 16:9-15*
Psalm.....*Psalm 67*
Second Reading.....*Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5*
Gospel Reading.....*John 14:23-29*

Superior Handbell Choir

The Superior Handbell Choir invites you to attend our Inaugural Concert at 4:00 pm on May 5th at Messiah. The program includes classical and religious selections as well as spirituals.

The ringers in this five octave choir are from several congregations around Marquette County as well as members from the community. The choir which was organized in the fall of 2018 has been rehearsing weekly at Messiah and is pleased to bring the concert to you. A free-will offering will be taken.

Community Meal - May 1

Our next community meal is on Wednesday, May 1st at 5:30 pm! We will be cooking and serving cheesy chicken enchiladas (along with a gluten-free/vegan option) with a couple sides and a dessert. We look forward to sharing dinner with you!

Prayer Partners

The prayer partners have one more meeting, then we will take the summer off. Our last meeting will be May 5th at 9:55 am. In April, the adults and children made prayer necklaces, some made bracelets, and some made them to hold in their hands while praying. Next year we will start the Prayer Partner program in October. There will be sign-up sheets for the adults and sheets will go home with the children. The age is 4 yr olds through 5th grade. Sincerely, Sherry Johnson - *Prayer Partner Coordinator*

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.

Local Kids Who Are Hungry - JJ Packs

JJ Packs provides packbacks containing healthy snacks for children in Marquette schools who might be hungry over weekends and holidays when they are not getting breakfast and lunch at school. A box is available in the narthex for you to drop off suggested items such as individual servings of macaroni & cheese, tuna, unsweetened apple sauce, raisins, snack crackers with cheese or peanut butter, goldfish crackers or cheez-its. Donations are appreciated to assure that all hungry children have enough to eat at home as well as at school. Members of the Social Action team will deliver your donated items to Graveraet school in time for packing the backpacks on Friday

End of Year Events - Messiah's Youth

May 5th: spring clean-up

May 19th: graduate luncheon

We will meet for these events in the youth room immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Lunch is provided.

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.

Messiah's Birthdays

May 2019

- Wednesday 1 Alex Geschwindt, Max Geschwindt, Carol Pfannenstiel, Eric Wagner
- Thursday 2 Emmett Claybaker, Claire Hirvonen
- Friday 3 No birthdays
- Saturday 4 Lucille Bartanen, Emily Fitzpatrick
- Sunday 5 No birthdays
- Monday 6 Sarah Balding, Sharon Brownell, John Dahlke, Jackie Heikkila, Joan Hill, Peter Kotila, Alyson LaBelle
- Tuesday 7 Jeff Olson, Deb Rolig, Boli Soderberg, Perry Truscon
- Wednesday 8 Adelyn Davis, Ted Koehler, Tom Matthews, Clare Sauer, Aaron Truscon
- Thursday 9 Linda Barr, Jon Hill
- Friday 10 Mark Sellers, Jason Swanson
- Saturday 11 Sue Hewitt, Sherry Mattson
- Sunday 12 Sharon Arntsen, Sondra Cryderman, Luke Mead
- Monday 13 Madison Balding, Dan Wolf
- Tuesday 14 Traci Busick, Chris Kotila, Scott Krah, Hannah Peterson
- Wednesday 15 John Collins
- Thursday 16 No birthdays
- Friday 17 Tom Bronken, Owen Stevens
- Saturday 18 Leslie Jarvi, Ken Vickstrom
- Sunday 19 Karen Oslund, Nancy Raisanen, Dave Skoog, Maxine Weeks
- Monday 20 Elmer Moisio
- Tuesday 21 Marianne Brugman, Ralph Christensen, Gary Dahlke, Ron Hill, Rena Sager, Kiera Summersett
- Wednesday 22 Raquel Orhanen, Barb Salmela, Brenda Setter
- Thursday 23 Jill Krah, John VanDreeI
- Friday 24 Maria Mendini-Fuller
- Saturday 25 Liam Ulland-Joy

Sunday 26	No birthdays
Monday 27	Laura Goodney
Tuesday 28	Midge Mattson, Michael Peterson
Wednesday 29	Joe Blemberg, Jim Duranceau, Leah Gunville
Thursday 30	No birthdays
Friday 31	Kayla Apple, Kevin Carr, Conrad Jewett, Jeannie Wagner

Passages

In Sympathy to:

- * Ron & Kathy Strazzinski upon the death of Ron's foster sister, Laurie Stokos, who passed away on April 9, 2019.
- * To Ruth Robb & Peggy Kapfhamer upon the death of Peggy's Uncle Ted Querin who passed away on April 14, 2019.
- * Bud & Chrys Hendrick upon the death of Bud's mother, Emma Jean Hendrick who passed away recently.
- * Helen Steinhoff & family upon the death of her brother-in-law, Richard Oas who passed away on April 24, 2019.

In Celebration of:

- * A baby boy born to Brent & Rachel Skaw. His name is Bode Brent Skaw, born on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Bode and his parents are all doing well. Gayle & Dirk Van Osdol are Bode's proud grandparents!
- * Katie Purmal, granddaughter of Bill & Anne Weaver, is graduating from NMU Saturday May 4 with a nursing degree. Her pinning ceremony will be Friday May 3 at 4:30 pm in Jamrich Hall 1100. Congratulations, Katie!

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:

May - laundry soap, dish soap, bars of soap

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!

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updated daily, please go to
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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 and aids in relaxation, balance and breathing. Chairs are available to help with balance. We do not lie on the floor. This is a drop-in class and 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.

OWLS

OWLS?? Why do we keep reading about OWLS at Messiah? Well, if you are an Older, Wiser Lutheran (usually 55 years and older but all are welcome), you may be an OWL. The OWLS gather for almost monthly activities to socialize and get to know each other. OWLS eat out, go on tours, eat in, have picnics, celebrate, walk weekly with each other, go to movies and other activities which almost always includes food and/or coffee. If you are interested in the OWLS group, please add your name and contact information to the list on the welcome table or call Louise at 250-3990 for more information. We hope to see you soon!!

Barrier-Free Presentation, April 30 at 1:00 pm - The OWLS group (Older, Wiser Lutherans) will have a presentation from the Barrier-Free Store. This will be held at Messiah in Magnuson Hall on Tuesday, April 30th at 1:00 pm. Please sign up on the welcome table if you are interested in attending.

Thursday, May 16, 1:00 pm -- Please join the OWLS for a tour of the Chocolay Raptor Center, 146 Lakewood Lane, Harvey. The Raptor Center rehabilitates birds which have been hurt, and the plan is that the birds are then released; however, there are a few birds which cannot be released. These birds are "residents" of the Center. If you would like to join us for this tour, we will be carpooling from Messiah. There is very little parking available at the Center. We will be leaving for the Center by 12:40 pm, and the tour will probably not be longer than 1-1/2 hours. There is a short walk from Lakewood Lane where we will park to get to the Center along a dirt road. If you have any questions, please call Ray Jarvis at 906-226-2031. There is no sign up sheet for this tour.

Patricia Mair Celebration of Life - April 30

A Celebration of Life service for Patricia Mair will be held at Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral and Cremation Services on Tuesday, April 30, beginning at 10:00 am until the time of service at 11:00 am with Rev. Leon Jarvis officiating. A reception will follow in the reception room located at the funeral home. Interment will be made in the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden.

How Come We Can't Talk to Each Other Any More?

A conversation about civility

When: Wednesday, May 8 & 15

Where: Room 202

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

These days, conversation about our nation's future often sounds too much like what's been called a "culture of contempt" – rather than trying to understand each other and find common ground, loud voices try to mock and silence the "other team." This is one of the ways free governments can destroy themselves.

What can *we* do about it? When churches commit themselves to welcoming others, we have an opportunity. We *start* with common ground: "I believe in God the Father," not in any political party or ideology. We *follow* Jesus who has declared his goal: "and I, if I am lifted up, will draw all people to myself." For our own spiritual health, and for the sake of our nation, it's time to build on this.

I scheduled these sessions a couple months ago, but the weather disagreed. Now that spring has come, let's try again. The first session, on May 8, we'll mostly look at some of the things which get in the way of civil conversation. That's a gloomy topic: but I think we're more likely to do something useful if we can get a clearer understanding of what the problem is that we're dealing with. On May 15 we'll look for practical, achievable ways we can make a difference.

Come join us!

- - Allan E. Johnson, *Interim associate pastor*

Hunger Banks - May 5

A Reminder: The Sunday School Hunger Banks must be returned next Sunday, May 5, to be in the running to "cream" Pastor Allan with a pie. Please include a paper with child's name, parent's name & the amount raised. The "Creaming" will take place on May 26, along with an Eskimo Pie thank you celebration.

Assistance Report

Recently we have helped a former RATI guest pay her down payment & cleaning fee for her new apartment. We purchased bus tickets for the Warming Center and phone cards for a guest at Harbor House. Thank You to all who contributed during our Lenten offerings.

Special Events in April & May

- May 1 Community meal at 5:30 pm
- May 4 Visit from Associate Pastor candidate, reception at 2:00 pm, preaching at 5:00 pm
- May 5 Visit from Associate Pastor candidate, preaching at both services
- May 5 Sunday School Hunger Banks returned and counted
- May 12 Last Sunday to bring World Hunger offerings for Synod Assembly
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 16 Synod Assembly starts & goes through the 18th in the Escanaba area
- May 19 Last day of Sunday School & teacher recognition during 10:30 worship
- May 19 Recognize Sunday School teachers & leaders at 10:30 am worship
- May 19 "Everybody's Birthday" celebration during coffee hour
- May 26 Pr. Allan getting a pie in the face from the child who raises the most money for the world hunger campaign
- May 27 Memorial Day - church office closed
- June 2 High School recognition at 8:45 am worship
- June 16 Father's Day

Volunteer Dinner! - May 22

This is a special dinner put on by Messiah's stewardship team for the hundreds of volunteers that make everything run so smoothly at Messiah. We don't know what we would do without YOU. This is Messiah's way of saying THANK YOU to all of you who volunteer throughout the year.

It will be on Wednesday, May 22nd starting at 5:30 pm. Please call the church office to RSVP for this event. You can RSVP through May 15th. We look forward to sharing dinner with you!

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Rose Collins, Bud Hendrick & family on the death of his mother Emma Jean Hendrick, Marilyn Andersen & Philip Andersen upon the death of Marilyn's sister Lois, Ruth & Peggy upon the death of Peggy's Uncle Ted Querin, Bill Maki, Irving Riutta, Kathy, Lois, Jan Summersett, Jim Shelby, John, Bill, Valerie, Kendal, Sandy, Bill, Mike, Janet Beyne Gonsalves, Karen, Cindy LaValley, Marilyn Voce, Larry, Don Dreisbach, Gary, Sierra, Mary Leslie, 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!

Worship Projection Training—Introducing MediaShout

Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 pm in the sanctuary

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!

- - Allan E. Johnson, *Interim associate pastor*

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your donations to the Harbor House! They are greatly appreciated!

Thank You From Room At The Inn

Thank you so much for your kind & generous donation of \$1,505.00. Your continued support helps us in our mission to provide temporary housing and food for the homeless. Every night we provide 20 beds for the homeless and meals for 50+ individuals.

The generous support of people like you makes it possible for our organization to exist and to make the community a great place to live.

This letter and the attached receipt will serve as a record for your donation in accordance with IRS regulations. Room At The Inn is a 501C (3) not-for-profit, tax-exempt charity in good standing with the IRS and the State of Michigan. The full amount of your donation is tax deductible. Received for the tax year 2019.

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Emmendorfer, *Executive Director, Room At The Inn*

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!

Three quick reminders from FLLC:

1. Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 pm Central Time we will hold our Annual Meeting and the installation of Amanda Rasner as camp director. There will be a brief FLAME meeting at 2:00 pm.
2. Saturday, May 11 will be our Spring work bee (*see details below*)
3. Monday, May 13 (10:00 am - 2:00 pm): last Senior Day until fall. Robert Handler from Michigan Tech University will talk about emerging environmental issues and how we can promote local awareness and develop local responses to these issues. Please make lunch reservations for this event by Thursday, May 9th.

Spring Work Bee

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Please help us get our camp ready for the season and make some necessary upgrades. All ages, stages and abilities are welcome! There will be work for those with construction skills, cleaning prowess, and everywhere in-between. Many willing hands make work light. Come rain or shine! Coffee and snacks will be served in the morning, and lunch will be provided at noon.

Please RSVP to the Fortune Lake office at (906) 214-2267 or officemanager@fortunelake.org so we can best prepare. Please let us know how many people you're bringing and what type of work you'd prefer. Bring work gloves, closed toed footwear, rakes, and a positive attitude. We'll provide the rest! Come when you're able and report to the Dining Hall to check in.

* If someone wants to help on a different date, just call the camp office. Willing workers are welcome anytime!

Sunday School Teachers

Messiah's 2018-2019 Sunday school teachers will be recognized during 10:30 am worship on Sunday, May 19th. This is also the last day of Sunday school for this academic year. Enjoy the summer!

North Fourth

While our original plan envisioned using North Fourth for the community, as well as Journey classes, the space is primarily been a space for Journey students. Although we will not be holding regular Journey classes during the summer, we will be open for social/special events so our youth can stay connected during the summer months.

May 2019 Worship Volunteers

Saturday May 4 - 5pm

Ushers- Harry Rajala, Chris Kotila

Reader- Kathy Godec

Communion Assistants- Peggy Letvenow, Barb Salmela

Communion Set-Up- Peggy Letvenow

Sunday May 5 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- David Dill, one needed

Reader- Mary Lou Blomquist

Communion Assistants- Bruce Robertson, Beth Krzrnarich, one needed

Greeters- Pat Nebel, Ruth Koehler

Assisting Minister- Larry Pagel

Sunday May 5 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- Hannah Ruuska

Ushers- Lavonne Gaspar, Nina Nelson

Reader- Michael Broadway

Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Michael and Jenny Broadway

Greeters- Liz Beyne, one needed

Assisting Minister- Erik Bergh

Video Technician- Joan Hill

Saturday May 11 - 5pm

Ushers- Billie Johnson, one needed

Reader- Chris Kotila

Communion Assistant- Kathy Godec

Communion Set-Up- Billie Johnson

Sunday May 12 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Mark Petrie, Anne Rydholm

Reader- Larry Pagel

Communion Assistants- Peggy Sager, Beth Krzrnarich, Terry Langenberg

Greeters- Jan Vickstrom, Joan Tasson

Assisting Minister- Terry Langenberg

Sunday May 12 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Liz Beyne, Bev Evans

Reader- Nancy Raisanen

Communion Assistants- Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman, Ruth Robb

Greeters- two needed

Assisting Minister- Mike Hill

Video Technician- Myra Zyburt

Saturday May 18 - 5 pm

Ushers- Chris Kotila, one needed

Reader- Karen Kimar-Johnson

Communion Assistant- one needed

Communion Set-Up- Carol Bell

Sunday May 19 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Sam Elder, Bruce Robertson

Reader- Lynne Hammerstrom

Communion Assistants- Carl Hammerstrom, Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist

Greeters- Penny Streeter, Helen Steinhoff

Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

Sunday May 19 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- Esme Ulland-Joy

Ushers- Kerry McGinley, Ruth Robb

Reader- Jackie Gilbert

Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, two needed

Greeters- Gayle Van Osdol

Assisting Minister- Gayle Van Osdol

Video Technician- Liam Ulland-Joy, Michael Joy

Saturday May 25 - 5 pm

Ushers- Barb Salmela, one needed

Reader- Carol Bell

Communion Assistant- Barb Salmela

Communion Set-Up- Kathy Godec

Sunday May 26 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Ray Jarvis, Cathy Seblonka

Reader- Fred Maynard

Communion Assistants- Kathy Maynard, Beth Krznarich, Peggy Sager

Greeters- Brenton and Camden Fitzpatrick, Pat Nebel

Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

Sunday May 26 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Dave Luoma, one needed

Reader- Mike Hill

Communion Assistants- Liz Beyne, Paul Marin, Betsy Little

Greeters- Sandy Grenke, Jill Luoma

Assisting Minister- Paul Marin

Video Technician- Joan Hill

Everybody's Birthday Celebration!

We will have a celebration of 'Everybody's Birthday!' on Sunday, May 19th during our coffee hour, so after worship, head up to Magnuson Hall. There will be 12 tables with 12 cakes, one for each month. Sit at the table identified by your birthday month and enjoy cake and get to know others in your church community!

Thank you from the Synod Office

Dear Members of Messiah:

From the very beginning of the story of salvation, people have been giving thanks to God for all that God has done. It used to be that people brought a portion of their wealth to the place of worship and burnt it on the altar. Bulls, rams, and lambs simply went up in flames.

Today, we find a more productive use for our offerings. Together, we pool our shared resources for the work of Christ in and through our Synod and with the whole ELCA throughout the world. Thank you for your support of our work together in Christ!

Your congregation's restricted gifts do not go up on flames, rather your financial gifts make ministry possible, not only in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin, but across our country and all over the world. Gifts in 2018 include:

08/15/18 World Hunger - \$1,515.00

09/18/18 World Hunger - \$ 560.00

10/13/18 World Hunger - \$ 810.00; Hurricane Disaster Relief - \$7.70

Always Being Made New - \$255.00

11/14/18 World Hunger - \$ 180.00

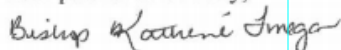
12/17/18 World Hunger - \$ 852.00; Always Being Made New - \$250.00

12/31/18 World Hunger - \$ 145.00; Lutheran World Relief - \$25.00;

Domestic Disaster Relief/Wildfires - \$500.00

Thank you for your willing heart and your generosity.

Your partner in ministry,



Bishop Katherine Finegan

From the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, the snow banks have almost disappeared. My office window is open, and I can smell Spring in the warming soil and leaf decay that wafts up from the ground on the cool breeze that stirs the curtains.

It wasn't so long ago that March and April felt endless. I had grown up with snow melt in March and April daffodils not far behind. It was a difficult transition to enduring Spring by U.P. standards. It literally took me years to figure out that Spring in the U.P. is frozen mud and dirty snowbanks. But once I redefined what I expected of Spring, I found March and April to be less distressing and disappointing. Once I knew what the signs of Spring actually were, rather than what I wanted them to be, I found March and April to be hopeful rather than depressing.

As I write this, I feel hopeful. But there is also sadness as the world wakes up to the news of the Notre Dame fire. Like so many other tourists, I too have climbed the tower, marveled at the beautiful windows, took pictures of the gargoyles, and stood in that sanctuary awed by how that structure conveyed the majesty and mystery of God. I am not alone in my grief and sadness over the damage done to such an iconic witness to the faith of so many believers who participated in building this cathedral that took centuries. Generation after generation played a part even as they would never live to see its completion; such sacrifice and dedication, and certainly a very long view of history. They trusted that the community of faith would still need and value that Cathedral long after the workers and the builders and the present-day worshippers were years in the ground.

It's no wonder that we love our church buildings so. While none of our congregations in the Northern Great Lakes Synod have been in existence for 800+ years, most have spanned several generations. Immigrant families founded communities of faith and buildings where they would gather, that they expected to last.

But as Notre Dame burned, the faithful gathered outside it. And in the light of the flames, they sang hymns and prayed prayers. The Church gathered while their church burned.

The fire at Notre Dame is a stark reminder that buildings, while so very important and cherished, are not the Church. The Church, by definition, is the gathered faithful, those who offer their prayers and praise, those who seek the face of God and the presence of Christ in each other, those who together, proclaim Christ to their communities. I believe there is value in redefining church, or even rediscovering the actual definition of Church.

If we define Church as the building, then our vision for what God calls us to do and be is limited by the physicality of stone and carpet and pews. And if we feel that our church building is threatened, maybe by fire but more likely

by the financial challenges of upkeep, then our priorities can also be challenged as we consider whether to put money towards ministry or some new building project. It is easy to improve a building. It is much more difficult to be a missionary to your own community. And the light bill is a far more pressing and defined need than a ministry vision that can be put off until there are funds for it.

While we value and cherish our church buildings, the Church is the people who gather in Christ's name; be it at the coffee house, in someone's home, at the park, anywhere. Where two or three are gathered...but of course, we always hope for more.

Yours in Christ, *Bishop Katherine Finegan*

Support funding for housing and homeless programs at the ELCA Action Center

As Congress discusses funding levels in the Fiscal Year 2020 federal budget, it is a critical time to support strategic programs that help end homelessness and the rising cost of housing for middle and low-income households with new investments. In past budget deals, housing programs have often seen the smallest increases when compared to other programs – making it a critical issue to bring to the attention of our lawmakers. Under the draft budget that the White House requested of Congress, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would lose about 11 percent of its current budget for housing assistance that serves nearly 5 million low-income Americans a year.

Rising housing costs across the country in recent years have left no state in the U.S. with an adequate supply of affordable housing for people in the greatest need, and they have raised barriers for those of us experiencing homelessness to reenter community. Cutting costs in the federal budget should not fall on the backs of the most vulnerable among us. Our service and advocacy to address housing and shelter needs are critical components of lifting people out of poverty.

Many Lutheran and interfaith partners provide essential housing services for seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families in the greatest need. The ELCA social message, "Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment," affirms that, "Church leaders are challenged to help create the public will to eliminate homelessness." As followers of Jesus, we understand that shelter and affordable housing are more than simple commodities – a secure home is the foundation that enables people to build and thrive. "Where God's love for people who are homeless is heard and lived, hope is engendered," the social statement reads, "that breaks the downward spiral of life."

Send a customized letter with your own story or reflection to Congress at the ELCA Action Center, and show your support for affordable housing and homelessness programs!

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