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Messiah Calendar

Monday, September 30

Pr. Molly's day off

10:00 am OWLs Walk

5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00 pm Bell Choir

Tuesday, October 1

12:00 pm Tai Chi/QiGong

1:00 pm Knotty Knitters

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

3:00 pm Lay School

5:00 pm Organ Fund Meeting

6:00 pm Lay School

6:30 pm Superior Handbell

7:00 pm AMMPARO Meeting

Wednesday, October 2

1:00 pm PEO

2:30 pm Norlite

4:00 pm Swedish

5:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm Community Meal

6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 pm Forum on Immigration

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, October 3

9:00 am Quilting

10:00 am Koinonia Bible Study

11:00 am Cursillo

5:00 pm Building/Grounds

7:00 pm Colombian Program

Friday, October 4

Pr. Andrew's day off

8:00 am Men's Ministry

Reading Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

Gospel Mark 12:28-31

Saturday, October 5

9:00 am LCM Work Bee

4:00 pm Blessing of the Pets

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, October 6

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal

8:45 am Worship

9:45 am Celebration Choir Reh.

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Journey

2:00 pm CROP Walk 2019

September 29, 2019

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

- * Jan Summersett and our brothers Douglas & Frederick Johnson from Tina, Becky & Billie
- * Jill Dykema from Madalyn and Lois
- * Nancy Hillegas from the Hillegas, Todd, Gordon & Rolig families

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

- * Laurie Strokos from Ron & Kathy Strazzinski

From Pr. Andrew...

Siblings in Christ,

What a busy season we're in! School has begun for teachers and students, our vacations have ended, and football games now grace our television screens and high school stadiums. The final bids for a spot in the playoffs and World Series are here for baseball, and the weather has become crisper and the leaves have begun their journey through the color wheel from green to crimson to brown.

Whether you are trying to catch the latest season of a favorite TV show, navigate your family through fall sports, are facing medical tests and surgeries, or trying to stay afloat in the ebb and flow of work and school: this is a busy season. The breathing space that we felt over the summer feels miles away now.

As our schedules get busier it is important to remember to pause, breathe, and take time to be present with God. Through the Narrative Lectionary texts from the Old Testament, we will walk through the story of God's people, and in doing so walk with our own 'humanness.' I know making time and space for prayer and meditation is often difficult, I struggle with it too. There's a saying in the Celtic tradition 'that beginning is halfway there.' Beginning is halfway there. So... here are some words to help you begin. They come from a book of blessings entitled "To Bless the Space Between Us" by the late priest John O'Donohue. May it bless you in this time of changing seasons and help with 'beginning'!

In Christ,

Pr. Andrew

On Call

Pr. Andrew Ploch: October 1-2, 6-9, 13-16, 20-23, 27-30

Pr. Molly Eversoll: October 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in the November Messenger is Monday, October 21, 2019.

Messiah's Newsletter

September 29, 2019
Volume 101, Issue 10

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

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Somewhere, out at the edges, the night
Is turning and the waves of darkness
Begging to brighten the shore of dawn.

The heavy dark falls back to earth
And the freed air goes wild with light,
The heart fills with fresh, bright breath
And thoughts stir to give birth to color.

2

I arise today

In the name of Silence
Womb of the World
In the name of the Stillness
Home of Belonging,
In the name of the Solitude
Of the Soul and the Earth.

I arise today

Blessed by all things,
Wings of breath,
Delight of eyes,
Wonder of whisper,
Intimacy of touch,
Eternity of soul,
Urgency of thought,
Miracle of health,
Embrace of God.

May I live this day

Compassionate of heart,
Clear in word,
Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love.

Prayer Partners - October 13

Prayer partners will begin on October 13th at 9:55 am. This is for children 4 yrs old through 5th grade. There is a sheet to pick up for the adult and children prayer partners on the table in the narthex. Adults, we need you to make this successful. Parents please sign up your child/children for this meaningful class. The child/children are given activities & learn about prayer.

The dates of the meetings will be Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Jan. 12, Feb. 16, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, and May 3. You do not need to attend every one.

-- Sherry Johnson, Prayer Partner Leader

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October Community Meal - Oct 2

The October community meal will be on Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:30 pm. The cooks will be serving ham & scalloped potatoes along with coleslaw and dessert. We hope to see you there!

Immigration Forum - Oct 2

Dr. Michael Broadway will be discussing Immigration: Past, Present & Future. This will be a conversation about the future of immigration in the United States. This forum will follow the community meal & will begin around 6:30 pm. It will be held in the atrium.

Koinonia Bible Study - October 3

Pastor Molly will be leading a Bible Study beginning on Thursday, October 3rd meeting in the atrium each Thursday from 10:00 am until 11:15 am. In Greek, the word 'koinonia' means communing together and participation in shared work. It is a word that signifies our joint work together as the body of Christ and so we will journey together with delight at the contributions that each of us bring to read through the whole Bible from start to finish at our own pace. Each week we will read the text, delve deep, ask challenging questions, and hopefully learn something new about God's work in the world. All are welcome to this Bible study and conversation!

Colombia Fair Trade Market This Weekend

Join us this weekend before and after each service for a small fair trade market in the atrium. There will be a variety of handmade items made by members of our companion congregation, Luz y Vida, in Caricoli, Colombia. All proceeds will go back toward buying more goods to further support the artisans and their families. Please let Rachel (Rachel.skaw@gmail.com) or Beth (wendricks@chartermi.net) know if you have any questions.

AED Now Available

The Building & Grounds team has purchased an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and mounted it in the Ushers' work area behind the sanctuary, on the wall by the stairs to the balcony. The Church Council will be announcing instruction for CPR and AED use very soon. But the important news is that the AED is very user friendly—it is not necessary for someone to have a class to use it. The machine will monitor the health condition of the person in distress and administer only what is needed.

In the meantime, you can check out a copy of an AED training DVD that came with our AED (it is in the office) or you can find a video of basic instructions on youtube.com. We hope that no one will ever need to use the AED, but it is ready if it is needed! There are many stories of lives that have been saved through the use of an AED.

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Stewardship - Commitment Sunday

Fall, the changing of the seasons bring colorful leaves, cooler weather, football on the television, and the promise that winter is no longer that far away.

In the life of the Church, fall is a time to re-evaluate our commitments, pledges, and volunteer opportunities for the upcoming year. 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us that “each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

The Church will formalize this re-evaluation by holding Commitment Sunday on November 3rd. Prior to that time, Pastor Andrew & the Stewardship Team will be sending time & talent forms and pledge cards to each member. We ask that you please prayerfully consider increasing your giving in each of these ways.

Our gifts are varied, but each is invaluable to the life of the Church.

-- Eric Walters, Stewardship Team

Journeying Together

A new year of Journey has gotten off to a great start! Lots of new things!! First of all we have a fun new curriculum from Sparkhouse. Each student has an ‘anti-work’ book filled with activities, information, fun pictures and discussion topics. It is a fun way to relate the Bible to our everyday life.

We also have several new 6th graders! Some have been at Messiah their entire life, some are new to Messiah. It has been a joy to watch the class build new relationships and discuss the material we are using! Our first class had 14 students!!

Our class meets the first two Sundays of the month for a meal, class and some social time. We also meet on the third Sunday for an optional social event/service project. Our service project for this month is the making of a video. We plan to share with the church what we have learned about AMMPARO.

It is with GREAT joy that I can announce that five students will be confirmed this year on Reformation Sunday, October 27! Honestly, it is a little bitter-sweet for me! I am so proud of the students and it has been a joy to be part of their journey, yet I am really going to miss seeing them in class. It’s been a Journey and I am so glad that I get to be part of it!!!

-- Jen Elsenbroek, Confirmation Leader

Pastor Andrew’s Lay School Class

Pastor Andrew will be teaching a Lay School class on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 pm beginning on October 15th. It will cover the prophet Ezekiel and the twelve “minor” prophets. If you’re interested in learning more about the wild and wonderful stories of the prophets, this is the class for you! There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table (or you’re welcome to just show up). Feel free to come to just one, or all six, of the classes.

Special Events in October & November

- Oct 1 Lay School at 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm
- Oct 3 Koinonia Bible Study with Pr. Molly 10:00 am
- Oct 5 Lutheran Campus Ministry Work Bee, inside & outside the house
- Oct 5 Blessing of the pets 4:00 pm
- Oct 6 Journey at North Fourth starting at approximately 11:30 am
- Oct 6 CROP Walk at Marquette Hope Connection Center, Register at 1:30 pm, Walk at 2:00 pm
- Oct 8 Lay School at 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm
- Oct 10 Koinonia Bible Study with Pr. Molly 10:00 am
- Oct 12 9:00 am load boxes on a truck at Messiah, drive to Ishpeming and unload boxes to a shipping truck at Trinity Lutheran
- Oct 13 Prayer Partners first event of the year at 9:55 am in Magnuson Hall
- Oct 13 Journey at North Fourth starting at approximately 11:30 am
- Oct 15 New Lay School class at 3:00 pm
- Oct 17 Koinonia Bible Study with Pr. Molly 10:00 am
- Oct 20 Room At The Inn starts at Messiah at 9:00 pm Sunday night
- Oct 24 Koinonia Bible Study with Pr. Molly 10:00 am
- Oct 27 Confirmation
- Oct 27 Pr. Molly Eversoll’s Installation Service at 4:00 pm
- Oct 31 Koinonia Bible Study with Pr. Molly 10:00 am
- Nov 2 Commitment Day, annual pledge commitments for 2020 received
- Nov 3 Commitment Sunday, annual pledge commitments for 2020 received
- Nov 10 Prayer Partners event at 9:55 am in Magnuson Hall
- Nov 18 Get Acquainted event at 7:00 pm
- Nov 23 Global Fair Trade Market at Messiah 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Nov 24 Global Fair Trade Market at Messiah 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day, church office closed
- Nov 29 Church office closed

Council Highlights - September

1. Approved amended annual budget from finance committee which primarily updates the current pastor salaries & benefits as well as building expenses.
2. Heard from Ron Strazzinski about updates on organ repairs. Approved expenditure for new chimes and humidification system for the organ.
3. AED - video on how to use the AED will be made available on website, facebook page. Also discussed having the video available for viewing during one of the coffee hours.
4. Dave Blomquist will order flowers on behalf of Messiah for Prince of Peace to wish them well on their 50-year anniversary. Messiah had helped them start their congregation.

Lectionary Readings - October 2019

October 6 -- 17th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 12:28-31*

October 13 -- 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

October 20 -- 19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 11:8-10*

October 27 -- 20th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 10:42-45*

CROP Walk

The 2019 CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 6th starting at 2:00 pm. You can arrive at 1:30 pm to register for the walk. It will start this year at the **Marquette Hope Connection Center at 927 W. Fair Ave.** There will be a display at Messiah around worship times a few weeks before the walk. You can get a registration envelope from this display table if you are interested in walking the CROP Walk. If you would rather donate to someone who is walking, all checks must be made payable to CWS/CROP. Funds for the CROP Walk cannot come through Messiah. We look forward to a beautiful weather day on Sunday, October 6th!

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the gas cards. They were very much appreciated.
-- Gas Card Recipient

Webinar on Climate Solutions - Oct. 3

You are invited by Messiah's Creation Care Team (formerly known as MEST) on Thursday, October 3rd from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in Messiah's atrium to view and discuss a webinar on 'the Moral Imperative to Improve Planetary Health through Climate Solutions.' The webinar is sponsored by Blessed Tomorrow, the Planetary Health Alliance, the Center for the Study of World Religions and the Harvard Divinity School. The webinar will feature a discussion with faith leaders and health professionals focused on how we can safeguard our health and promote social justice by mobilizing communities to take environmental action. Participants will learn about challenges to global health and their direct health impacts and moral implications. Everyone is invited to attend the viewing and consider what we might do to help.

"Whereas Jesus commands us to...love one another" (John 13:34) and God has given us responsibility to care for His good creation (Genesis 1:28, Genesis 2:15). We can move away from the dirty fuels that make us sick and shift toward safe, clean energy like wind and solar that help make every breath our neighbors and families take, a healthy one, create new jobs that can't be outsourced, help protect the least among us and preserve what God bestowed." (Climate Change Resolution by African Methodist Episcopal Commission on Social Action)

Medication as Movement

A special six week series, specifically for arthritis and fall prevention, will be held on Mondays, beginning October 7, 2019 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in Messiah's atrium.

Michigan State Extension is sponsoring a series of gentle exercise sessions throughout our community for those with arthritis & others interested in fall prevention. Using a very basic and simplified Tai Chi form, participants will improve their self-awareness and well-being. These movements can be done from a chair, there are no mat or floor exercises involved.

No matter what your range of motion is, there's a place for you in this ongoing program. No prior experience is needed. There is no cost involved. Jon & Diana Magnuson will be serving as facilitators.

Truck Loading for Lutheran World Relief

We are looking for a few good men and women (high school and middle school students are welcome, too!) to help transport personal care kits, baby care kits, school kits & quilts from Messiah to Ishpeming. We will meet at Messiah at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 12, load the items onto a truck, and transport them to Trinity Lutheran Church, 414 E. Ridge St, Ishpeming. (Note the change in location this year!) At Trinity our boxes will be loaded on a large truck and shipped all over the world to people in need. There is a sign up sheet on the welcome table outside the church office. Thank you for helping with this very important annual project!

Messiah's Birthdays October 2019

Tuesday 1	Pat Vacilek
Wednesday 2	Paul Wainio
Thursday 3	Sarah Zeller
Friday 4	Janelle Carroll, Jackie Dault, Joan Tasson
Saturday 5	Ava Maki, Patty Ryan, Esme Ulland-Joy
Sunday 6	Al Edgar
Monday 7	Karen Bergh, Lois Raikko
Tuesday 8	Jackie Greising, Milt Soderberg, Sydney Voskuhl
Wednesday 9	Kylie McAuliffe, Carol Ontto, Craig Teed
Thursday 10	Julie Mingay
Friday 11	Ross Aho, Shaun Fleury, Tanya Jennings
Saturday 12	Phyllis Maki
Sunday 13	Jen Elsenbroek, Erynn Messana, Tom Moyle
Monday 14	Jason Peterson, Steve Schinella
Tuesday 15	Linnea Bays, Caleb Beerman, Margie VanAlstine
Wednesday 16	No birthdays
Thursday 17	Dawn McAuliffe
Friday 18	No birthdays
Saturday 19	Philip Andersen
Sunday 20	Maija Maki-Warne, Diana Peterson
Monday 21	Debra Abraham, Cecelia Fuller, Cindy Kotila, Joseph MacPhee, Cheryl Mayer, Joan Myefski, Ron Tervo
Tuesday 22	Robert Groleau, Sandy MacPhee
Wednesday 23	No birthdays
Thursday 24	Linda Winslow
Friday 25	Aubrey Muscoe, Zach Taggart
Saturday 26	No birthdays
Sunday 27	Jamie Beauchaine, Jim Lahti

Monday 28 Kalyn Carr, Marsha Lucas

Tuesday 29 Jacob Larson, Andrew Peterson, Jon Ruuska

Wednesday 30 Michelle Sellers

Thursday 31 Karen Kimar-Johnson

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* Frank Summersett & family upon the death of his wife Jan who passed away on August 23, 2019.

* Dave Blomquist sister, Donna Cootware who passed away early in September.

* Family & friends of Carolyn Ciullo who passed away on September 9th at the Valenti Nursing Home surrounded by family. Carolyn's funeral was held in the Grand Rapids area over the weekend of Sept. 20/21.

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.

OWLs Walk (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

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

Thanking You For Your Kindness...

Thank you to all who made the decision to help me pay my rent at this difficult time.

I am 70 years old & still work to make ends meet. Falling & breaking my arm & shoulder had set me back, not only with a lot of pain but with anxiety not being able to keep up with my rent. Your decision has relieved this anxiety, I am so grateful.

If at any time my finances change, I will reimburse you. Again, I thank you.

-- Susan O.

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Commitment Sunday! - November 2/3

Messiah's commitment Sunday is coming up on November 2nd & 3rd this year. Look for more details to come in the near future.

Get Acquainted Event - November 18

Are you interested in becoming a member of Messiah? Are you already a member of Messiah but know of someone who might like to become a member?

Please let them know about our Get Acquainted event that the Welcome & Outreach team will host on Monday, November 18th at 7:00 pm. The Get Acquainted event is a very casual setting for everyone to get to know each other and have a conversation about Messiah, its history, where it is going, introducing yourself to the group and giving them a little bit of your Christian background and what draws you to Messiah.

No one has to make a commitment to join Messiah during this event. You join when you are ready to, whenever that is. The pastors and the Welcome & Outreach team look forward to meeting you soon!

Thank You!

Thank you for the flowers from the altar after last Sunday's worship service. They are so beautiful and lasted all week. - - *altar flower recipient*

Prince of Peace - 50 years

Our neighboring church, Prince of Peace, is celebrating 50 years as a congregation on the weekend of October 5th & 6th. Messiah is sending them a floral arrangement for this special occasion.

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Thanh, Karen Johnson, Kristina Asta, Herb Grenke, Sheryl, Pat Frenn, Pat Lelvis, Karla Kunick, Marilyn Voce, Jim Elsenbroek, Nancy & family, Oscar, Vanessa, Laura, Fátima, Flor, Cruz, Alison Cory, Pam, Leah Rodda, Rose Collins, Kathy, Lois, John, Kendal, Sandy, Mike, Don Dreisbach, Gary, Sierra, Charlene Avery, Nai, Cam & his family, Liz Kro.

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!

Blessing of the Animals

Meow, Bark, Gulp, Chirp.... The unconditional love we give and receive from our pets can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life with our Creator. Please bring your pets to The Blessing of the Animals at 4:00pm on October 6th! We'll be outside on the lawn if the weather permits (otherwise we'll be inside). This will be a brief service that ends with blessings of individual pets (and some treats). All types of critters are welcome from dogs to fish to gerbils to cats. Even stuffed animals or pictures of your pets (for those who don't travel well or approve of people or other pets) can be blessed, and some have had the ashes of those who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge into heaven blessed too. We look forward to seeing you and your pets for this special service!

Save the November Dates – Centering for the Season!

On Thursdays November 7th, 14th, and 21st we will be hosting an hour of yoga and centering prayer. Classes will be taught by Anna Zimmer RYT-200 (Pastor Andrew's wife) and Pastor Andrew will guide the time of prayer. On November 14th and 21st we will also have a children's yoga instructor with us! So... save the dates and come breathe deeply before the craziness of Thanksgiving and the Christmas season! More information will be in the November newsletter. (The classes are tentatively scheduled from 6-7pm and nursery care will be available).

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.

LWR Blessings

During worship on September 28 & 29, we will take a moment to bless the Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, School Kits & Quilts. We want to thank you...you have helped to create **89** Personal Care Kits, **50** Baby Care Kits & **420** Quilts (we will have the final numbers for School Kits soon). Thank you for your help with this world-wide mission. Lutheran World Relief could not do this without your help.

Notes from Africa - Zanzibar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Old Fort was also visited. We were able to relax, shop, or have a henna tattoo or manicure.

The Lutheran Church in Zanzibar which is less than 1% of the population, has a congregation of about 500 worshippers. The campus includes a hostel, restaurant, and a dispensary.

That night at the island, we stayed at the "Peace Center," a Catholic hostel. The campus included a chapel, "The Meroy Building," where anyone was welcomed to worship, pray or otherwise meditate.

The sounds at the hostel were from many sources: birds, chickens, dogs, cats fighting, frogs, crickets, a baby crying, the Muslim call to worship and even a man sweeping the driveway.

The evening meal was taken at an ocean-side food court. There were a variety of booths, foods from many cultures and juices. We were careful to avoid salads and juices made with non-bottled water and ice cubes.

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

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

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

- - - Liz Beyne, traveler

Pastor Molly's Installation! - Oct. 27

Messiah loves good worship and a good party! Join us as we install Pr. Molly as our Associate Pastor at 4:00 pm on October 27th. It will be a festive service with choirs and brass! You're invited to wear red (it's also Reformation Sunday) and to stay after the service for a meal together. We hope you'll join us for this wonderful event!

The New Free Store

The New Free Store (TNFS) is an interfaith non-profit group supporting people who express a need for free clothing, linens, hygiene and cleaning supplies in the greater Marquette area.

TNFS is asking members of area churches to help us with our community service mission by donating new hygiene or cleaning supplies. Currently these supplies are purchased with funds provided by grants and the fundraising efforts of TNFS volunteers, however, the need continues to grow. Over 1,600 participants have been served by TNFS as of the end of 2018.

We need your help to sustain our mission and we have a calendar of needs for each month in the year:

October - Toilet Paper (4 pack or 6 pack)

November - Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Bars of Soap

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

Boy Scout Popcorn - October 13

The Boy Scouts will be selling popcorn during coffee hour on Sunday, October 13th. They will be here from 9:30 am - 10:30 am.

Fortune Lake: A Year-Round Camp!

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

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, art-work, etc. The auction begins promptly at 11:00 am. If you are interested in entering an item in the auction, there are registration forms in the office.

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

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

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

Winter Wonderland Retreat, January 17-19, 2020 - Come to camp for a winter getaway. The snow will be cold, the sauna will be hot! Enjoy snowshoeing, sledding, cross country skiing and maybe even ice skating! There will be time to hear Scripture and reflect. Register online October 1 - January 11 at www.fortunelake.org. Retreat lodging in Grace or Emanuel Lodge. Includes linen service and private baths.

October 2019 Worship Volunteers

Saturday October 5 - 5pm

Ushers- Dick and Laura Goodney
Reader- Kathy Godec
Communion Set-Up- Barb Maszlewski

Sunday October 6 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- Barb Avery, Anne Rydholm
Reader- Fred Maynard
Communion Assistants- Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist, Kathy Maynard
Greeters- Leslie White, Lynne Hammerstrom
Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

Sunday October 6 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- Sally Davis, Dave Luoma
Reader- Erik Bergh
Communion Assistants- Mike Hill, Jenny Broadway
Greeters- Grace Gronowski, Kurt Mensching
Assisting Minister- Mike Hill
Video Technician- Joan Hill

Saturday October 12 - 5 pm

Ushers- Barb Salmela, Chris Kotila
Reader- Carol Bell
Communion Set-Up- Billie Johnson

Sunday October 13 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- Tom and Amy Froiland
Reader- Larry Pagel
Communion Assistants- Darley Kemppainen, Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist
Greeters- Penny Streeter, Helen Steinhoff
Assisting Minister- Darley Kemppainen

Sunday October 13 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- Maija Maki-Warne
Ushers- Dave Luoma, one needed
Reader- Sarah Janda
Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Mike Hill, one needed
Greeters- Jill Luoma, one needed
Assisting Minister- Jackie Gilbert
Video Technician- Myra Zyburt

Saturday October 19 - 5 pm

Ushers- Jan Julian, Ron Tervo
Reader- Karen Kimar-Johnson
Communion Set-Up- Carol Bell

Sunday October 20 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- Ray Jarvis, Cathy Seblonka
Reader- Judy Quirk
Communion Assistants- Judy Quirk, Terry Langenberg, Peggy Sager
Greeters- Jan Vickstrom, Joan Tasson
Assisting Minister- Larry Pagel

Sunday October 20 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- Aliina Maki-Warne
Ushers- Liz Beyne, one needed
Reader- Ruth Robb
Communion Assistants- Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman, Jenny Broadway
Greeters- Sandy Grenke, one needed
Assisting Minister- Michael Broadway
Video Technician- one needed

Saturday October 26 - 5 pm

Ushers- Barb Salmela, Harry Rajala
Reader- Chris Kotila
Communion Set-Up- Barb Salmela

Sunday October 27 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder
Reader- Marilyn Andersen
Communion Assistants- Al and Gail Edgar, Beth Krznarich
Greeters- Pat Nebel, Jon VanDreel
Assisting Minister- Terry Langenberg

Sunday October 27 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed
Ushers- two needed
Reader- Jill Luoma
Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Ruth Robb, one needed
Greeters- Jill Luoma, one needed
Assisting Minister- Dave Luoma
Video Technician- Joan Hill

High School Youth Gathering (Oct. 20th)

All High School students are invited to join Pastor Andrew & Pastor Molly for lunch and conversation on October 20th. It will be a time to get to know one other and dream about what activities to plan for the coming months. We will gather in the Youth Room in the lower level after the 10:30 service.

8:45 am Worship Bulletin Online

Messiah has an electronic version of the 8:45 am worship bulletin online for those who listen to our radio broadcast. 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 near the bottom of our home-page.

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.

Save The Date! - - December 3rd

Messiah will host Giving Tuesday on **Tuesday, December 3rd**.

On this day, if you would like to come to Messiah and give to the Community Assistance Fund at Messiah, you will be surrounded by joyful holiday music, great food and of course, fellowship with your Messiah family. Messiah's community assistance fund is there to help those in need in our area. Many people come here throughout the year to receive assistance with rent, eviction notices, utilities & shut off notices. Sometimes when they call, they have already been with no water or no electricity for days. This is when Messiah can help them to stay in their home and get their water or electricity turned back on. We can be one ray of hope in their life at these difficult & trying times.

Please mark this date on your calendar and join us anytime between 10:00 am & 6:00 pm. We will provide a light breakfast, lunch & dinner along with water & coffee. We look forward to seeing you at this festive event!

If you have volunteered at this event in the past at Messiah, enjoyed that time and would like to sign up again, please look for the volunteer sign-up sheet (for greeters, tellers & food prep) on the welcome table soon. There will be shifts in two-hour increments. Food prep will be to 'watch' the food/drink table and make sure things are well stocked. All food will be ordered in.

With a 'Giving Tuesday' gift, you will be helping those in need in our community, throughout the upcoming year.

Ways to Help Migrants

As a part of our AMMPARO commitment and general concern for migrants on our southern border, Messiah is working with Border Servant Corps (BSC), a ministry of Peace Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Border Servant Corp was established in 1997 to promote community, social justice, and spirituality in the U.S./Mexico border region. Currently, BSC is collecting items to provide to a network of shelters in Ciudad Juarez, where most asylum-seeking families are returned to await their asylum hearings. It is estimated that the city's detention centers currently house more than 13,000 men, women, and children.

Since these items are being brought across an international border, by law they must be NEW and in ORIGINAL packaging. The items requested change week-to-week, but currently there is a need for:

- underwear (all children's sizes through Adult S)
- reusable water bottles
- reusable shopping bags
- Spanish-language books

Items brought to the Messiah office will be boxed up and shipped periodically. Also needed are canned fruits and vegetables, but due to the expense of shipping, it is preferred that a check be made out to Messiah designating that the money be sent on to BSC.

An additional opportunity to help, Books for Border Kids, was established by concerned individuals in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Working with two independent book stores in Minneapolis and one in Las Cruces, NM, bilingual, Spanish, and Portuguese books are sent by the bookstores free of charge until Oct 31, 2019. More information is available at www.booksforborderkids.org.

LCM Work Bee

The Lutheran Campus Ministry house needs some TLC. Pr. Bre Kinnunen is hoping to recruit some help to accomplish this. The workbee will be on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. If you are interested & available to participate let Pr. Bre know or just show up on October 5th. It would be helpful if you could bring some of your cleaning supplies for interior cleaning and if you could bring along any gardening tools you have as well. This property is in need of sprucing up. Pr. Bre will provide donuts for everyone! If you have a truck and are willing to haul different pieces of furniture to St. Vincents, that would be helpful. There is some furniture that will need to be removed from the house.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration to help with this project. Many hands make for light work. If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Bre Kinnunen at upbre3@gmail.com

Fall Global Fair Trade Market-Nov. 23/24

Please save the date for Messiah's Global Fair Trade Market which will be held on Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24, 2019. The sale will be open to the public from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday and we will remain open for the 5:00 pm worship service. The sale will also be open to Messiah members before & after the worship services on Sunday. We will have fairly traded items & goods for sale from SERRV International, Sharing the Dream in Guatemala, items brought from our sister congregation in Caracoli, Colombia, as well as goods from Tanzania. We will be holding a bake sale again this year to raise funds for shipping of the goods as well as to go back toward buying gifts from Colombia. We will be looking for people to bake items for the sale; more information on this is to come. If there are any questions, please contact Rachel at rachel.skaw@gmail.com or Beth at wendricks@chartermi.net. Thank you!

Organ Project Update

The organ repair and restoration is well under way, with the pipes being reinstalled this last week of September. We are looking forward to our organ's full return later this fall! We give thanks the generosity that you have all shown and for the continuous stream of pledge cards that have come in. We have now passed the 50% mark for our goal, having received pledges for slightly over 100,000 dollars. If you have not pledged yet, we encourage you to prayerfully consider doing so. If you have questions please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our Pastors or to a Task Force member (Terry Langenberg, John & Pauline Kiltinen, Lynne Hammerstrom, Dave Blomquist, Mike Coyne, and Paul Marin). Additional pledge cards are available in the church office. – The Organ Task Force

The Way of Love UP North!

You are invited! to The Way of Love Up North, a gathering for renewal and celebration of Love. That is--God's Love--which is for all people! The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church will be the keynote/preacher. (You may know him as the powerful preacher at the wedding of Prince Harry & Meghan Markle. Yes, that guy!)

All people of all walks of life, and all ages are invited to this event. Come as you are. Bring a friend! There are free tickets available on Facebook (for the purpose of getting a head count).

This event is brought to us by the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan and the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Pastor Molly & Pastor Andrew have been part of the planning process for this event and they hope to see some Messiah folks there!

Messiah's Church Staff:

Pastoral Staff:

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

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Parish Administrator.....Jennifer Dodge
Administrative Assistant.....Inga Banitt
Custodian.....Kevin McGrath
Parish Accountant.....Mike Hill
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