

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Worship Services

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# Messiah Calendar

## Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)

*Pr. Molly's day off*

10:00 am OWLs Walk

5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

## Tuesday, September 3

12:00 pm Tai Chi/QiGong

1:00 pm Knotty Knitters

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

3:00 pm Lay School

6:00 pm Lay School

## Wednesday, September 4

2:30 pm Norlite

5:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm Community Meal

6:00 pm Music for All Kids

6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

6:15 pm Celebration Choir Reh.

6:30 pm Forum-Thrivent on Social Security

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## Thursday, September 5

9:00 am Quilting

11:00 am Cursillo

5:00 pm Building/Grounds

## Friday, September 6

*Pr. Andrew's day off*

8:00 am Men's Ministry

## Saturday, September 7

8:30 am Great Start Conference

5:00 pm Worship

## Sunday, September 8

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal

8:45 am Worship

9:45 am Celebration Choir Reh.

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Rally Day Picnic!

# September 1, 2019

## 12th Sunday after Pentecost

### Flowers: To the Glory of God & In Honor of...

\* Bode Skaw's baptism on August 11th from his grandma, Gayle Van Osdol

### Radio: To the Glory of God...

\* from Gayle Van Osdol

## Change to Narrative Lectionary

*Siblings in Christ,*

What a full, fast, and wonderful summer it has been, and now we stand on the doorstep of autumn, school back in session and fall rhythms returning to our lives. With Rally Day on the horizon (Sept. 8), the start of Sunday School, and with fall programming returning to our calendar there is much to look forward to.

As your pastors, we want to share a change coming to our worship lives with you. We have traditionally followed the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for our scripture schedule for worship. It is a three-year cycle of scripture readings that has been used since the early 70s. Beginning on September 8th, we will be using a different lectionary cycle for our scripture selections. The Narrative Lectionary (NL) is a four-year cycle of scripture developed about ten years ago by a group of professors and pastors. Instead of scattering scripture readings throughout a three-year cycle (like the RCL), the Narrative Lectionary moves us linearly through the Old and New Testaments. Each fall begins with Genesis and stories from the Hebrew scripture, and then proceeds to one of four Gospels.

It might be helpful to consider the lectionary as a series of stories, like the Harry Potter books and movies. Reading them out of order and picking passages from all over the place will give you a lot of Harry Potter understanding and trivia and maybe a feel for the flow of the story. However, if you read or watch in order, you will see and hopefully understand the big picture of the whole story line. This is what the NL is seeking to do with our worship scriptures.

The stories included in the NL include stories of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption. The Gospel stories differ each year, highlighting the distinctive aspects of each gospel's telling of the story of Jesus. In 2019-20 we will be following the Gospel according to Mark.

## On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: September 1-4, 8-11, 15-18, 22-25, 29-30

Pr. Molly Eversoll: September 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in the October Messenger is Monday, Sept. 23, 2019.

## Messiah's Newsletter

September 1, 2019  
Volume 101, Issue 9

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

Our church year shapes the texts of this lectionary:

- Fall-Advent: Old Testament readings move through the story of God's dealings with Israel and culminate in Advent with the prophets who speak of longing and hope and the coming of the Messiah.
- Christmas-Lent: Readings from the Gospels fit the movement from birth of the Messiah at Christmas, the public revelation of the Messiah during Epiphany, and the Passion and resurrection through Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
- Easter-Pentecost: Resurrection accounts, stories from Acts and readings from Paul's letters tell of the power of the Holy Spirit's presence through the Easter season to the Day of Pentecost.

We hope that you will enjoy this shift and the new stories that it brings to our worship. We will have daily devotionals available in the church office (similar to "Christ in our Home"), a weekly take home guide (similar to "Taking Faith Home"), and are working on having parallel Bible Study resources for those groups and individuals who would like them. A yearly schedule for these readings is available in the narthex.

- - - In Christ, Pr. Andrew & Pr. Molly

## Enrique's Journey Book Study

Friends, on September 18th & 25th at 7:00 pm in the Atrium, we will be gathering to discuss the book Enrique's Journey. If you are in need of a copy, the book can be purchased for \$10.00 in the church office. This Pulitzer prize winning non-fiction book focuses on the "power of family". Enrique journeys to the United States from Honduras on the tops of freight trains in order to find his mother who immigrated 11 years before. What began as a series in the Los Angeles Times reported by Sonia Nazario, has become a book taught in schools and a widely used resource for communities across the nation. Come for a discussion on this challenging story as we learn together about Enrique's Journey.

## Koinonia Bible Study

Pastor Molly will be leading a Bible Study beginning on Thursday, October 3rd meeting in the Atrium each Thursday at 10:00 am until 11:15. 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!

## September Community Meal

The September community meal will be on Wednesday, September 4th at 5:30 pm. The cooks will be serving a ham & broccoli hotdish along with coleslaw, rolls and dessert. We hope to see you there!

## Forum Following Community Meal

Thrivent will be here to discuss and present information on Social Security following the community meal. Please join us in the atrium for this informative session.

## 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.

## September Stewardship Story . . .

Elevator Stewardship or Elevate Your Stewardship!

"Rise up and shine, for your light has come! Lift up your eyes and look around you, and see." (Isaiah 60: 1,4)

Ponder the idea of Stewardship. . . What would your "30-second Stewardship elevator speech sound like?" How might you rise and shine in your stewardship at Messiah?

This month your Stewardship Team will be meeting with members from Messiah's 15+ teams/committees seeking their "30-second elevator speeches" so that we as a congregation might grow in our awareness and also lift up our eyes and see all the good works at Messiah! In doing so, your Stewardship Team invites you to elevate your individual commitment to the ways you can involve yourselves in our congregation!

"Then you will see and shine with joy. Your heart will be glad and full of joy, because the riches of the sea will be turned to you. And the riches of the nations will come to you." (Isaiah 60: 5)

What should your "30-second Stewardship elevator speech be?" As you hear the elevator speeches of our many teams/committees throughout October, ponder the idea of your stewardship and the ways you want to get involved.

Remember . . . Elevate YOUR Stewardship!

- - Sarah Kemppainen

## Messiah's Bell Choir

Starting Monday, September 9th at 7:00 pm

Great news for the bell ringers and congregation at Messiah. We are expecting delivery of the Fourth Octave in the Handbell set. This means that more people will have the opportunity to join the choir this year. We are looking for some people who can handle the larger bells as well as those who are intrigued the possibility of ringing 4-in-hand or Shelley with the upper bells.

The Fall session for the Choir begins Monday evening September 9th from 7:00 to 8:00. As usual the choir will ring once each month except in December when it rings more often. We are planning to ring "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" on Reformation Sunday. The arrangement uses the full 4 octaves.

If you have been part of a musical group, band or choir in school, or had music lessons as a youth, you would fit right in. If you haven't had the chance to belong to a musical group, come and try this. We will provide help and there is the possibility of shadowing another ringer as you learn.

Call the office or Judy Quirk (228-6729) and let them know....or just show up, please.

## Community Bell Choir

Starting Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 pm

Starting September 10, 2019, Messiah will again host Superior Bells, the community bell choir, which was organized last year. New members are welcome to join.

The choir is planning to ring as part of the Negaunee Male Chorus' Christmas concert and is developing plans for a Spring concert.

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Messiah Sanctuary.

## Thank You From Lowell & Pearl Larson

Dear friends, Thank you for your beautiful cards, encouraging messages, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of our brother's death. We greatly appreciate the love, kindness, and sympathy you extended to us. It will always be remembered. A special thank you to Pastor Andrew and Pastor Molly for attending Warren's service. Love, Lowell & Pearl

## Babycare Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Messiah's Rachel Cirlice would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts and support for the babycare kit project. They could not do it without you. Thank you again!

## Ride for the Fortune Lake Inspired Yoga Retreat, September 13-15, 2019

I have registered for this retreat and can offer a ride back and forth to anyone who may also attend. I could handle 3 more passengers. I intend to participate for the whole experience from Friday early evening through Sunday morning. Text me at 906-202-1427 if you are interested in riding along. I have been to Fortune Lake for many activities over the years, but not as much as I would like more recently. If you have never been, I'd recommend this "place of Grace". I'll be traveling most of the days between now and the 13th so I may be a bit slow in responding. --- Laurel Kniskern

## Luncheon & Presentation by Those Members Who Traveled to Tanzania

Save the date for a report from travels to Tanzania on September 15, 2019 following the 10:30 worship. Lunch at 11:45 am & at 12:30 pm the presentation will begin.

- What did we eat?
- Did we see any animals?
- Where did we stay?
- What did we do?
- Did we feel safe?
- What surprised us most?

Join the delegation to Africa for the answer to these questions & more. You are welcome to lunch after the second service on September 15, 2019, followed by a presentation by Liz Beyne, Linda Carlson, and Judy Quirk. The lunch will feature some of the foods we ate while there.

## Organ Update

On August 6, a crew from the Buzard Organ Company came & removed all of the electronic controls for the organ pipes and valve bodies. They also took the console back to the factory for its renovation. They will be back in October to reassemble the organ and reinstall the pipes. This will be a three to four week process. Providing everything goes as planned, the organ should be playable in the first part of November. In the meantime, John Wright will be designing and building the humidification system.

## Lectionary Readings - August 2019

### September 1 -- 12th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Proverbs 25:6-7*

Gospel Reading.....*Luke 14:1, 7-14*

### September 8 -- 13th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Genesis 2:4b-25*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 1:16-20*

### September 15 -- 14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 10:27*

### September 22 -- 15th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 14:32-36*

### September 29 -- 16th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Exodus 1:8-14; 3:1-15*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 12:26-27a*

## CROP Walk

The 2019 CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 6th starting at 2:00 pm. You can come early 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 week or two 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!

## Special Events in September & October

- Sept 2 Labor Day - church office closed
- Sept 3 Lay School at 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm
- Sept 4 Community Meal at 5:30 pm in Magnuson Hall
- Sept 4 Forum - Thrivent, in the atrium at 6:30 pm
- Sept 8 Rally Day - Celebration to kick-off the start of the Sunday School 2019/2020 year. This is a picnic in the back parking lot following 10:30 am worship.
- Sept 9 Meditation from 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Sept 10 Lay School at 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm
- Sept 10 Meditation from 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- Sept 13 Yoga Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (9/13 - 9/15)
- Sept 16 Meditation from 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Sept 17 Lay School at 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm
- Sept 17 Meditation from 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- Sept 24 Lay School at 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm
- Sept 26 Visitors from Colombia arrive
- Oct 1 Lay School at 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm
- Oct 6 CROP Walk (see page 22)
- Oct 8 Lay School at 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm
- Oct 15 New Lay School class at 3:00 pm
- Oct 27 Confirmation
- Oct 27 Molly Eversoll's Installation at 4:00 pm

## Lay School Starts Tuesday, Sept. 3rd

September 3rd - October 8th Two classes will be held as follows:

3:00 pm-5:00 pm - Other Voices: Old Testament Writings taught by Warren Geier

6:00 pm-8:00 pm - Apocalyptic in the Bible and in contemporary Society

October 15th - November 19th there will be one class from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm titled Prophets II / Ezekiel and the Book of Twelve.

If you are interested in one or all three classes, please sign up at the welcome table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Warren Geier at 906-486-4351. Thank you!

## In The Hospital

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

## Messiah's Birthdays September 2019

Sunday 1	Mary Lou Blomquist, Kate Sromalski
Monday 2	Val Beaudoin, Hayden Jackson, Billie Johnson, Devin Summersett
Tuesday 3	Michael Krah, Kaitlin Salmela
Wednesday 4	Ryker Smith
Thursday 5	Hunter Peacock, Jack VanAlstine
Friday 6	No birthdays
Saturday 7	Dan Fezatt, Kathy Osier, Nancy Skoog, Claire Smith
Sunday 8	Steve Carroll, Gary Peterson
Monday 9	Renee Messana
Tuesday 10	Brian Cherry, Sue Christensen, Jim Elder, Mike McAuliffe
Wednesday 11	Dan Beerman, Julie Elder, Pat Frenn, Emma Maki-Warne
Thursday 12	Stephanie Carlson, Nancy Hoover, Lowell Larson, Sten Taube
Friday 13	Wayne Geschwindt, Arlene Rajala
Saturday 14	Jennifer Dodge, Lavonne Gaspar
Sunday 15	Laurie McGovern
Monday 16	Ashlee Blom, Kristen Smith
Tuesday 17	Emily Coyne
Wednesday 18	Daniel Dagenais, Linda Rossberg, Eric Walters
Thursday 19	Linda Berry, Sheri Brugman, Taylor Olson, Mary Young
Friday 20	Liam Beerman, Lynne Hammerstrom
Saturday 21	Pam Christensen, Myra Zyburt
Sunday 22	Jean Arntsen, Jan Julian, Mark Petrie, Helen Steinhoff
Monday 23	Jennifer Bleckiner, Kathie Godfrey, Peggy Letvenow
Tuesday 24	Brandon Evans, Marjorie Vidlund

Wednesday 25	Jon Christensen, Don Grisham, Terry Keuscher, Andrew Stevens, Jordan Vanlerberghe, Dorothy Weigel
Thursday 26	No birthdays
Friday 27	Gene Arntsen, Amanda LaTourneau, Cliff Young
Saturday 28	Melissa Peterson
Sunday 29	No birthdays
Monday 30	No birthdays

## Passages

### In Celebration of:

\* The birth of Fiona Rose Fitzpatrick on August 2nd at 2:54 pm. She is the daughter of Brenton & Emily Fitzpatrick, little sister to Camden and granddaughter to Ron & Kathy Strazzinski. Everyone is doing really well!

### In Sympathy to:

\* Lowell & Pearl Larson and family upon the death of Lowell's brother Warren Larson who passed away on July 24, 2019.

\* Family & friends of Bill Ryan who passed away on August 5, 2019. May he rest in peace.

\* Grant & Kathy Soltwisch upon the death of Grant's sister Marsha Pasciak who passed away recently in Illinois. May she rest in peace.

\* Peggy Kapfhamer & Ruth Robb upon the death of Peggy's sister-in-law, Debbie who passed away recently. May Debbie rest in peace.

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

## Messiah 2019/2020 Directory

The 2019-20 Messiah church directories are now available in the church office. Stop by and pick up a copy.

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updated daily, please go to  
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## Tabora, a Satellite Church of Azania Front

*(Another Picture of Africa)*

One of the most interesting places we visited while on our trip to Africa was Tabora. This congregation was in the bush several miles from Dar es Salaam. We traveled by Jeep by over roads that were underdeveloped through small groups of homes. The children ran out to wave at us - few cars but more motorcycles passed by. We drove through a herd of cattle with huge horns, saw scarred river beds where the sand had been removed and the large lorries carrying the sand away.

At last we were greeted by about 25 people. Many of the children weren't too sure about the strange color of our skin. The church was a block floor surrounded by a short block wall. The walls were lace on three sides. The wind lifted the altar cloth to the side. We took part in a worship service where we gave thanks for the work being done there, for visitors, and for other Christians who were willing to help provide assistance. Then we took a nature walk to see just what was being done.

We saw the foundation for a larger church. Completing this building is on hold for a time. Then we examined the beginnings of industry for the community. The cashew trees which grow wild were being trimmed and trained. The trees had hive boxes hanging in them - 4 to 7 - in each. A honey house with cement floor and pipe tables would receive the hives once the bees established a colony in the boxes. The walls of the honey house were wire and a cleared area around the building had a short block wall. The construction was intended to keep away animals which would raid the hives. The church members were being trained to handle the bees and harvest the cashew nuts. The aim was to have jobs and income to assure food and education for all.

On the return walk we passed by the rice field that the group had cultivated. They needed to watch that the nomadic herds didn't destroy the crop.

Services are conducted each Sunday and pastors from Azania Front like Pastor Prudence travel there once a month for communion services and as needed for weddings and baptisms. However the spark keeping Tabora in the minds of Azania Front is one woman. Theudas, a neighbor of our host, has taken this place and its success as her mission. It will be several years before this satellite church will be an independent congregation.

We concluded our visit with more prayers and singing "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again" We in English, they in Swahili.

We couldn't leave without receiving gifts. In this case oranges from the trees that grew wild all around the church.

Blessings from Africa as we learn of our companions.

## The Second Satellite Church, Viwege Tanzania

We retraced the road from Tabora past another satellite church built so the worshiping congregation didn't have to walk four hours to attend services. We arrived at an area with a much greater population and more established streets. We passed a sign pointing the way to Viwege but were glad our driver knew where to drive. We could hear the church before we saw the church.

The women were having a day of fasting, song and dance. It was in thanksgiving for six months of health and food. They sang and danced from six am until they broke bread together at six pm. The music from the four member combo and the song leader's voice was broadcast on the speakers in their steeple so everybody in the area knew what was happening. Four hundred people worship most Sundays but the congregation is not yet ready to be independent. This activity helped advertise to the neighborhood and the world that Christians were there.

The evangelist/pastor from Viwege rises at 4:00am to drive to Azania Front to lead the 6:00am Morning Glory service.

Viwege was a compound with church, Sunday School building, parsonage, toilets, garden, and play area. The land for the church was donated but now houses were being built on neighboring land. The congregation is erecting a fence to define borders and keep their children safe especially during services when they might wander outside from time to time.

Our lunch was waiting for us in thermos pots. After the meal we were introduced to the dancing women in the sanctuary and were treated to a concert. There were three women's choirs, one mixed choir and one men's choir. All had prepared songs in anticipation of our visit. We shared greetings and prayers and felt truly blessed. -- *More blessings - Judy Quirk*

## Council Highlights - August

1. Proposed renewal of leases with Elsenbroeks & Adult Day Services
2. Discussed plans for Pr. Allan's retirement party & Pr. Molly's installation
3. Received a report that the new door installation has begun with the electrical work
4. Requested that the building needs assessment commence
5. Approved annual installation for water stewards



## Opportunity to Help Refugees & Immigrants

The AMMPARO subcommittee of the Social Action Committee has been meeting for the past several weeks to discuss how Messiah Lutheran might minister to refugees and immigrants, particularly those on our southern border. Our middle school students took the lead on this effort and have engaged in conversation with young people in Central America to get a better idea of their situation and how they can help. Following their example, the subcommittee made contact with Peace Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation in Las Cruces, New Mexico, that is very active in engagement at the Mexico/U.S. border and have been since 1997, when they began a ministry called Border Servant Corps.

Border Servant Corps provides an “opportunity for volunteers to work for justice, serve their neighbor, and walk humbly with their God” according to the Peace Lutheran website (peacelutheranlc.com). They do this in several ways, most notably providing temporary shelter to asylum seeking families released by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in El Paso, TX. Since August 11, however, the release of refugees has been halted and families are being returned to Mexico where they are being held in detention centers in Ciudad Juarez.

Border Servant Corps, working with other churches and community members, is continuing to help by collecting items badly needed for the network of shelters in Ciudad Juarez. The items currently requested are:

- Children's Items: diapers, wet wipes
- Clothing Items: underwear, children's clothing (S, M, L), adult clothing (S), sandals, shoelaces
- Food Items: crackers, granola bars, juice boxes
- Food: cookies, baby food, baby formula
- Toiletry Items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, sanitary napkins, bath towels
- Educational materials and board games

In order to cross an international border ALL items MUST be NEW and in its ORIGINAL packaging. Of course, interested parties can also donate money to the organization.

Several Messiah congregants have mentioned that they would like to help refugees and immigrants in some way, but don't know where to start. Our budding relationship with Peace Lutheran Church and Border Servant Corps provides that opportunity. The items listed above can be purchased and brought to the church office, where they will be boxed up and sent to Peace Lutheran at the end of the month. Remember to keep them in the original packaging! Also, donations can be made—simply make a check out to Messiah Lutheran Church and designate that it be directed to the Border Servant Corps. The funds will be aggregated and a single check sent from Messiah.

More information about the Border Servant Corps mission of Peace Lutheran Church can be found at the Peace Lutheran website (peacelutheranlc.com) and the Border Servant Corps website borderservantcorps.org. There is also a weekly update email you can subscribe to if you want to keep up with their work as events continue to rapidly change at the border (borderservantcorps.org/sign-up-for-weekly-updates).

--- AMMPARO subcommittee of Social Action

## In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Thanh, Grant & Kathy Soltwisch and Grant's sister, Diana, for the loss of their sister Marsha Pasciak, Pine Ridge residents, 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, Dennis Riutta, 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!*

## Prayer Partners

The prayer partners program will begin on October 13th at 9:55 am. There will be a sheet to pick up and fill out for the adult partners & for the Sunday School children (4 year olds through 5th graders) prayer partners on the welcome table in the narthex. Adults, we need you to make this successful. Parents, please fill out a form for your child/children for this meaningful class. The child/children are given activities and learn about prayer.

The dates of the Praymeetings will be October 13, November 10, January 12, February 16, March 15, April 19, and May 3. You do not need to attend every one.

--- Sherry Johnson, Prayer Partner Coordinator

## Fortune Lake: A Year-Round Camp!

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

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

**Quilt & Fine Arts Auction, October 5, 2019** - Fortune Lakes Fall Fest! Pre-viewing of items in auction takes place from 9:00 - 11:00 am in the chapel. There will be a buffet brunch in the dining hall from 9:00 - 10:30 am. Also in the dining hall will be the 'Market' where you can see homemade breads & pies. The 'Country Store' will include small handcrafted items & gifts, 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** - More information in the October newsletter.

## September 2019 Worship Volunteers

### **Sunday September 1 - 8:45 am**

Acolyte- one needed  
Ushers- Sten Taube, David Dill  
Reader- Judy Quirk  
Communion Assistants- Judy Quirk, Ray Jarvis, Cathy Seblonka  
Greeters- Ruth Koehler, Leslie White  
Assisting Minister- Larry Pagel

### **Sunday September 1 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte- one needed  
Ushers- Dave Luoma, Gayle Van Osdol  
Reader- Gayle Van Osdol  
Communion Assistants- Jen Dodge, Jen Elsenbroek  
Greeters- Inga Banitt, Jill Luoma  
Assisting Minister- Jen Elsenbroek  
Video Technician- Joan Hill

### **Saturday September 7 - 5pm**

Ushers- Dick and Laura Goodney  
Reader- Chris Kotila  
Communion Set-Up- Billie Johnson

### **Sunday September 8 - 8:45 am**

Acolyte- one needed  
Ushers- Ray Jarvis, Cathy Seblonka  
Reader- Larry Pagel  
Communion Assistants- Beth Krznarich, Peggy Sager, Terry Langenberg  
Greeters- Penny Streeter, Helen Steinhoff  
Assisting Minister- June Ackroyd

### **Sunday September 8 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte- Esme Ulland-Joy  
Ushers- Liz Beyne, one needed  
Reader- Sarah Janda  
Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Michael and Jenny Broadway  
Greeters- Gayle Van Osdol, Rebecca Ulland  
Assisting Minister- Michael Broadway  
Video Technician- Michael Joy, Liam Ulland-Joy

### **Saturday September 14 - 5 pm**

Ushers- Barb Salmela, one needed  
Reader- Diana Peterson  
Communion Set-Up- Peggy Letvenow

**Sunday September 15 - 8:45 am**

Acolyte- Jacob MacPhee  
Ushers- Barb Avery, Anne Rydholm  
Reader- Darley Kemppainen  
Communion Assistants- Cathy Seblonka, Terry Langenberg, Grant Soltwisch  
Greeters- Jan Vickstrom, Joan Tasson  
Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

**Sunday September 15 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte- one needed  
Ushers- Jean Arntsen, Ruth Robb  
Reader- Erik Bergh  
Communion Assistants- Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman, Jen Elsenbroek  
Greeters- Liz Beyne, one needed  
Assisting Minister- Paul Marin  
Video Technician- Myra Zyburt

**Saturday September 21 - 5 pm**

Ushers- Chris Kotila, Barb Salmela  
Reader- Karen Kimar-Johnson  
Communion Assistant- Barb Salmela  
Communion Set-Up- one needed

**Sunday September 22 - 8:45 am**

Acolyte- one needed  
Ushers- Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder  
Reader- Fred Maynard  
Communion Assistants- Kathy Maynard, Al and Gail Edgar  
Greeters- Ted and Ruth Koehler  
Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

**Sunday September 22 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte- one needed  
Ushers- two needed  
Reader- Susan Shaver  
Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Ruth Robb, one needed  
Greeters- two needed  
Assisting Minister- one needed  
Video Technician- one needed

**Saturday September 28 - 5 pm**

Ushers- two needed  
Reader- Carol Bell  
Communion Set-Up- Peggy Letvenow

**Sunday September 29 - 8:45 am**

Acolyte- one needed  
Ushers- Tom and Amy Froiland  
Reader- Dave Blomquist  
Communion Assistants- Mary Lou Blomquist, Beth Krznarich, Peggy Sager  
Greeters- Pat Nebel, Ruth Koehler  
Assisting Minister- Larry Pagel

**Sunday September 29 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte- one needed  
Ushers- Jean Arntsen, one needed  
Reader- Jill Luoma  
Communion Assistants- Susan Shaver, Ruth Robb, one needed  
Greeters- Jill Luoma, Ruth Robb  
Assisting Minister- Dave Luoma  
Video Technician- Myra Zyburt

## Habitat for Humanity Lunches

The Habitat for Humanity office has called asking for help. They are looking for churches or church members to help make lunches for Habitat volunteers. They need lunches M-F, excluding Wednesdays. You can sign up to provide lunch for about 10 people each day and you could choose to provide the lunches every Monday for the month of September or every Thursday for the month of October, or for one full week, (excluding Wednesday) or even one day. Any help would be greatly appreciated. You would have to have the lunches ready by 11 or 11:30 am. You could bring them to the worksite, bring them to the Habitat office or leave them at Messiah and someone from Habitat would pick them up. If interested, please let the church office know.

## Rally Day

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 8th following 10:30 am worship. Please join us for a fun picnic in the back parking lot! The Welcome & Outreach team will be providing the food; hotdogs, chips, fruit & veggie trays and ice cream. There will also be activities for kids. This picnic will happen rain or shine because we will be covered by awnings that the Boy Scout troop will set up for us. Don't miss this fun kick-off event for the start of our Sunday School season!

## Monument Celebrating Suomi Theological Seminary

On September 21st & 22nd there will be events at Finlandia University honoring the Suomi Theological Seminary (1904-58). In honor of the seminary and its graduates, a sculpture by Bruce Niemi titled "By Faith" will be erected outside of St. Matthew Chapel. On it will be the names of the 140 seminary graduates. Over forty-thousand dollars has been raised for the sculpture, but twenty thousand more is needed. If you are interested in making a donation to support this project you may write "Suomi Seminary" in the memo of a check, make a note on an offering envelope, or bring your donation to the church office. Thank you for generously considering supporting this memorial to our former UP seminary and its seminarians!

## LWR School Kits

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

Please consider donating the following items:

70-sheet notebooks, wide- or college-ruled  
30-cm ruler, or ruler with cm on one side and inches on the other  
Pencil sharpener  
Blue or black ballpoint pen (no gel ink)  
Children's scissors  
2 1/2" Pink Pearl-type eraser  
Box of 16 or 24 crayons

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

## 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:

September - Feminine pads & tampons

October - Toilet Paper (4 pack or 6 pack)

## Colombia Visitors Arriving Soon!

Our friends from Luz y Vida congregation in Bogotá, Colombia, will be arriving in Marquette Thursday September 26. They include Pastor Jairo Suarez, Ana Mendivelso, and Johana Castellanos. Bev Evans and Inga Banitt from the Global Mission team are at work putting together an itinerary for their time with us. If you are available to help with any transportation to activities in Marquette/Marquette county, provide a lunch, or invite the group to your home for an evening meal or another activity, please let Bev or Inga know or contact the church office at 225-1119. The group will return to Colombia on Tuesday October 8.

## Meditation...Give It a Try!

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

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

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

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

2:00 - 3:00 pm on Monday, September 16

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

7:00 - 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 17

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

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