

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for March 24, 2021

Messiah Events & News

On the web...

go to messiahlutheranmqt.org for more information about our congregation and “like” us on Facebook to receive updates and information there.

Messiah Lutheran Church seeks to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion.

We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant and eternal life.

We may not always be as welcoming as we should be, but this is our intention—all are welcome!



Mountain Vespers Worship Tonight

Our final Lenten Mountain Vespers Worship is tonight at 6:30 pm on the radio at 101.9 FM and Facebook live, Vimeo, and YouTube. If you would like to follow along with the service, the

music for Mountain Vespers can be found by typing the following into your browser:
www.bit.ly/mountainvespers

Easter Flowers

Would you like to sponsor a flower or lily arrangement for Easter? Please contact the church office or stop by to fill out a form. The suggested donation is \$20 per sponsorship and can be in memory or in honor of a loved one. All requests should be into the office by Wednesday, March 31st.

Holy Week Schedule

- 03/31 No Wednesday Evening Vespers
 - 04/01 Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30 pm - live-streamed on Facebook (facebook.com/messiahlutheranmqt) and Vimeo (vimeo.com/messiahlutheranmqt) and on the radio at 101.9 FM
 - 04/02 Good Friday Worship at 6:30 pm – live-streamed on Facebook and Vimeo and on the radio at 101.9 FM
 - 04/03 Easter Vigil Worship at 6:30 pm – ONLY live-streamed on Facebook and Vimeo
 - 04/04 Easter Sunday Worship
 - o Sunrise worship at McCarty's Cove 7:00 am (in-person with social distance & mask wearing), worship may also be live streamed on Facebook
 - o Traditional Easter Worship 8:45 am - live-streamed on Facebook and Vimeo & on the radio at 101.9 FM
 - o Clark Lambros beach at 10:30 am (in-person with social distance & mask wearing)
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Pastor Molly's Desk--Free To A Good Home!

If you are in need of a desk, please contact the church office. Pastor Molly's desk is a sturdy 32"x50" desk with drawers. The only requirement is that you make arrangements for its removal.

What Will It Take to End Hunger?—Head...Heart...Hands...Health

If you were involved in 4-H as I was, you will recognize the 4 H's which were the backbone of the program. For the sake of this discussion - I will add a 5th - HOPE. The theme of this year's Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly - May 10-15 (virtual) is HOPE.

Each year the congregations of our synod collect an offering for ELCA World Hunger - the

mission outreach arm of our national church. This year, we will do the same and we encourage our congregation to take part in this annual appeal. You may recall that in the past we have had themes like, Pies, Quilts, Cows, etc. to keep the issue of world hunger before the congregation during Lent. This year, we HOPE the generous members of Messiah will support this appeal again - minus the clever themes!

Last year, our congregation contributed approximately \$3500 to the synod assembly World Hunger appeal. This year's offering will be taken on May 15, and we HOPE we can equal or exceed that amount in 2021. Please send your support to Messiah and earmark it for the Synod Assembly offering.

--Mary Davis and Mary Lou Blomquist, NGLS World Hunger Team

News from The Free Store

The New Free Store is an inter-faith, non-profit group supporting people in the greater Marquette area who express a need for free clothing, linen, hygiene & cleaning supplies. Over 850 families are now registered to shop for free & that number continues to grow. When doing your weekly shopping, please remember the items noted below in the coming months. Thank you for your support! Feel free to leave these items in The New Free Store 'drop-box' in Messiah's narthex.

*March - shampoo (male/female) & conditioner (female)

*April – laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap

Here are some other ways you can support The Free Store:

1. If you are a Thrivent member with investments &/or insurance, you may have Thrivent Choice dollars that you could give to one of ten different organizations in Marquette County including: The New Free Store, YMCA, United Way, Queen's Heart, Habitat for Humanity, Marquette Community Foundation, Western Marquette County Health Foundation, Ishpeming Cancer Society, Lakestate Industries, SAIL and the Vista Theater. You can designate or allocate your Thrivent Choice dollars to any one of these non-profits that are registered with Thrivent, in our area. These funds would need to be allocated by or before March 31, 2021. Thank you!

2. The New Free Store is looking for a volunteer with some type of accounting or bookkeeping background to help them with a financial compilation. This is a type of an audit on their organization and it is a way to continue to be transparent to all those connected with them. The work involved in this financial compilation would not take more than one day and most likely would only take a half day. They would like to have this work done sometime between now and

October of this year. If you are interested in helping The New Free Store with this volunteer duty, please contact Messiah's office at 225-1119.

3. The New Free Store building, which is located in Harvey, is on the market. They share the space with Lakestate Industries. The building is being sold through Northern Michigan Landbrokers. Depending on what the buyer decides, The New Free Store could continue on in the same building and pay rent; or if they need to vacate the space, they are looking for anyone that might have a suggestion of space for them to use. If you know of any open space in Marquette that would be well suited for them, they would appreciate you sharing that with them. Thank you!

4. Lastly, The New Free Store would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to members & friends of Messiah who continue to help their operations, in many ways. They are thankful for Messiah members who volunteer with their organization; and they are grateful for all the items that are donated to them from Messiah members & friends who leave items in Messiah's narthex.

Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly—May 10-15, 2021

****Messiah Delegate Needed****

Synod Assembly in 2021 will be online! Mark your calendars and join us for a week full of opportunities for engagement, discussion, worship, and information, all with the theme of Hope. If you are interested in participating as a voting member, Messiah is looking for one more person. Please contact the church office if you are interested. For more information about assembly, please check the NLGS website: <https://nglsynod.org/assembly/>

Here is a tentative overview of what to expect:

Mon, May 10 - Pre-recorded Opening Worship

Tues, May 11 - Workshops for the whole Synod

Wed, May 12 - Workshops for the whole Synod

Thurs, May 13 - Workshops for the whole Synod/Installation service livestream

Fri, May 14 - Social gathering online

Sat, May 15 - Business meeting (required for voting members)

Voting members will be required to complete orientation sessions online prior to Synod Assembly week. Stay tuned for more detailed information!

Lutheran World Relief-Baby Care Kit Collection

Last year through your help and generosity we were able to put together 46 baby care kits. LWR had asked that whatever anyone had and if able, could they send them. In November, they were taken to Fortune Lake and from there shipped to LWR. The need is always there. We will start our 2021 collection in February.

We have depleted our inventory completely and will be collecting these items:

- + lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies) sizes 12-24 months
- + long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) sizes 12-24 months
- + hand towels, dark colored
- + bath-size bars of Ivory soap equaling 8-9 oz, in original wrapping
- + receiving blankets (could be crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn up to 52 inches square)
- + jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include a baby cap
- + cloth diapers, flat-fold preferred
- + pair of socks
- + diaper pins or large safety pins

Monetary donations for baby care kits are also welcomed and may be dropped off or mailed to the church office. Rachel Circle appreciates your contributions to this effort. We thank you in advance for your help. There is a collection bin by the office.

--Rachel Circle

Virtual Worship

If you would like to worship with us from your home, we want to let you know some ways you can listen in and/or watch if you have a computer and internet access.

The 8:45 am worship will always be broadcast on the radio at Sunny 101.9 FM and streamed at the following sites: Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/messiahlutheranmqt>

and Facebook - www.facebook.com/messiahlutheranmqt

A link to the bulletin will be sent each Wednesday in the same email where we send a link to Messiah's E-Newsletter. The bulletin can also be found on Messiah's website

www.messiahlutheranmqt.org Click on worship at the top of the page and then on Sunday's bulletin.

Messiah Birthdays March 24-April 6

Wednesday 24 Dan Niemi

Thursday 25 Kristine Fjeldheim, Herb Grenke, Allan Johnson, Drew Peterson

Friday 26 John Lindholm

Saturday 27 Ryan Voskuhl

Sunday 28 Richard Balding, Gerald Godec, Emily Paupore
Monday 29 Jack Mendelin
Tuesday 30 Jeff Dodge, Dennis Gustafson
Wednesday 31 Janet Skytta, Amanda Swanson
Thursday 1 Karl Kaukola
Friday 2 Robert Hewitt
Saturday 3 No birthdays
Sunday 4 Ethan Sellers, Bev Zorza
Monday 5 Barb Bergstrom, Brent Skaw, Trenton Wash
Tuesday 6 Steve Nelson

Prayer Requests

While we are apart from one another, it is still important that we hold one another in prayer. We have posted a prayer request form on our Messiah Family and Friends Facebook page, and those who are not on Facebook or do not have computer access can call the church office with their prayer requests.

We value being a community of prayer for one another during this difficult time and always.

In the Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pastor Andrew Plocher and Pastor Molly Eversoll want to call you while you are there during this time of COVID-19. If you can't notify Messiah, please ask a family member to do so.

In Our Prayers

Pat, Jon, Dennis Riutta; Larry; Roberta; Lee; Wil; Marion Wrate; Tobe Anderson; Jamie Baril; Jan Brown; Johnnie; Linda Rossberg; Ray Hasenhauer; Gina; Scotti Oja & her family; John & Rose Collins; Loretta; Jess Laxo & her grandma Betty; Erin Andrews; Candace; Tina & her roommate; Ted Koehler; Carol; Matthew Williamson; Ron Hill; ill residents/patients & care workers at the Jacobetti VA facility & other nursing homes in our area; inmates & staff at Marquette Branch Prison; Bill Van Effen; Linda Ruohoniemi; Jim Shirtz; Cheryl; Ryan; Helen Steinhoff; Billi Jo; Pat Maki; Herb & Sandy Grenke; Wayne Hanmer; Judy Donckers; Karen Johnson; Jill Krah; Michael Orhanen; Kristina Asta; Jim, Alli & Johann Elsenbroek; Alison Cory; John; Sierra; Sandy; Charlene Avery; Liz Kro

Note: You may call the church office or talk to one of the pastors, if you would like a person named in the congregation's prayers. Please obtain permission from the person to list his/her

name in the bulletin. In order to keep the list up to date and manageable in size, we will list each person for a short time, after which the name will be removed. If at that point, you would like to continue listing the person, please call the church office or speak to one of the pastors.

Pastor on Call:

Pastor Andrew is on call March 24, 28-31.

Pastor Molly is on call March 25-27.

Messiah Newsletters

Messiah newsletters and the weekly E-news are all available at www.messiahlutheranmgt.org. The online Messenger (monthly newsletter) includes all the stories and information but saves the paper!

Scripture Reading This Week – Palm Sunday

First Reading..... *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

Gospel Reading..... *Mark 14:1—15:47*

Worship Volunteers

Sunday March 28

Gayle Van Osdol

Sunday April 4 Easter Sunday

No reader needed

Sunday April 11

Ruth Robb

Sunday April 18

Fred Maynard

Sunday April 25

Darley Kempainen

Announcements and Classified Ads

Marquette Alger Resolution Service Training

Marquette Alger Resolution Service is training mediators via Zoom for our local community mediation organization. We provide peaceful dispute resolution for all types of matters in Marquette and Alger counties. Many of the disputes we help with are parenting time, neighborhood disputes, general civil, child protection, guardianship of children and adults, relationships, and school related issues.

Our volunteers are an integral part of our community. Without them, our community dispute center would not exist. We provide mediation and community dispute resolution regardless of income level. This is an accessible program for everyone.

Dates: May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21

Trainers: Brian Pappas

Fee: \$100 (*this significantly reduced fee is possible due to local grants and applies to participants who agree to serve as volunteer mediators. Class size is limited.*)

Please e-mail director@marsmediation.org or call 906.226.8600 for more information.

Here is the link to learn more about the training and our program:

<https://marsmediation.org/mediator-training/>

Home Health Care Aide Needed

One of our members at Messiah is in need of a care aide. The aide can work up to 39 hours / month. This person needs help with laundry, washing dishes, and cleaning in her apartment along with some other daily care needs. The care aide would be paid through Northern Home Care Services. Please contact the church office at 225-1119 for more details.

Do you have an announcement?

Send announcements and ads to Inga Banitt (inga@messiahlutheranmqt.org). Send concert or performance information, yard sale announcements, party invitations, requests for babysitters, yard maintenance, rooms for rent and items for sale. We will run announcements for two weeks. E-newsletter deadline is noon on Tuesdays.

Messiah Contact Information

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