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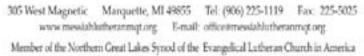
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Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:45 AM (with Nursery) This service is broadcast on Sunny 101.9 PM

> Sunday 10:30 AM (with Nursery)





May 30, 2021 The Holy Trinity

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

* Kay Wieland, wife of Rev. George Wieland from Dan Niemi & Tanya Jennings

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

* family & friends who are no longer with us and in honor of those who died while serving our country from Larry Pagel

Letter from Pr. Andrew

Siblings in Christ, As I write to you, our Council has determined that the time to return to in-person worship is nearly here. Starting on the weekend of July 3rd and 4th we will resume in-person worship in our sanctuary. Those details will arrive in a letter and can also be found online on our Facebook page (facebook.com/messiahlutheranmqt) or our webpage (messiahlutheranmqt. org).

It has been a long journey to reach this point. As a congregation we have adapted, shifted, flexed, and grown. We have been energized and exhausted, joyful and sad, and everything in between. We have been sick, lost loved ones, and struggled with isolation. We have sacrificed for the sake of our families and our communities – including our church. When times were the hardest, we dug deep and found ways to support one another.

While we were not able to gather in person this past year, we were able to connect over the radio and online. Our services reach many more people (~1500 a service) from all over the United States and world (UK, Canada, Colombia, Tanzania, to name a few!) every Sunday. It is a ministry that will continue even as we come back together to worship in person.

We know that a return will be different for each and every one of you. Some of you would be comfortable with no restrictions and others would not. Some of you will be here at those first services and others will not. Each of you will have to determine your own comfort with a large group gathering. I just ask that you give each other the grace to do so. While your pastors are incredibly excited to be back to in-person worship, we also are anxious about three large gatherings a weekend. I would guess that many of you also hold that tension of anxiety and excitement. Please know that is okay and that we can go slow together.

When I used to lead hiking trips in the Cascade mountains, we had a practice of inclusivity. We always had the slowest person lead us. It wasn't because we didn't trust that the fast hikers wouldn't wait, but it reminded everyone that we were doing this together. We were a community who made some

sacrifices for the sake of staying together. That is what we will do as we return to in-person worship. We will still wear masks and distance as best we can. We will care for those who cannot be vaccinated – whether due to immune conditions or because they're a kid under the age of 12. We will journey together.

As we do so, let us continue to give each other grace. We can lean into the excitement and the joy of getting to physically worship together. Come out to the beach and to the park. Hum along to the hymns behind your masks. Rejoice that we have made it to today.

In Christ, *Pr. Andrew*

Pastors' Book Study on Shameless - June 3

In June we will be reading Nadia Bolz-Weber's "Shameless: A Sexual Reformation." Bolz-Weber writes from her own experiences, those of her congregation, and with Biblical examples to help us unravel how sex and sexuality have been used and sometimes abused within the Christian tradition to inflict "pain, suffering, and guilt on countless people." This book is intended to reform and help us reframe how we view sex and sexuality. "Along the way, Nadia reexamines patriarchy, sex, and power with candor but also with hope, because in her heart she believes the 'Gospel is powerful enough, transgressive enough, and beautiful enough to heal not only the ones who have been hurt but also those who have done the hurting." This book will push us to look at a topic often labeled as taboo and to open us up a conversation around faith and our bodies.

We hope you will join us June 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Here is the zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83257443393

Books are still available in the church office.

Worship at Clark Lambros Beach, June 6

Join us on June 6th at 10:30am for worship at Clark Lambros Beach! We'll sing a few hymns and enjoy worshipping together on the shore of Lake Superior. Pray that the weather holds, as we will be out there as long as rain is not pouring down (for the sake of our sound equipment). We invite you to bring your own chairs, wear your mask, and stay physically distanced. Hope to see you there!

Worship in the Park, June 30

Join us for Worship in the Park on Wednesday, June 30th at 6:30 pm! We invite you to join us at the Presque Isle band shell for worship - wearing masks and staying physically distanced. Lawn chairs are welcomed, but there are also many benches. We hope you will be able to come!

Messiah Calendar

Monday, May 31

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (zoom) Memorial Day-office closed

Tuesday, June 1

12:00 pm QiGong 1:00 pm Knotty Knitters 1:30 pm Staff Meeting (zoom)

Wednesday, June 2

6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Nominating Committee

Thursday, June 3

9:00 am Quilting 4:00 pm TaiChi (zoom) 7:00 pm Book Study

Friday, June 4

Nothing Scheduled

Saturday, June 5

10:00 am-Council Retreat

Sunday, June 6

8:30 am Worship-online 10:30 am Worship at Clark Lambos Beach (bring your own chair)

Special Events for June & July

June 1 Messiah opens up to groups & evens meeting in it's building

June 3 Pastors' Book Study at 7:00 pm (zoom)

June 5 Council Retreat at 10:00 am

June 6 10:30 am worship at Clark Lambros Beach, bring your own chair

June 17 Council meeting

June 28 VBS - Virtual (this week) - Monday-Friday

June 30 Worsip at Presque Isle Band Shell

July 1 Effective today, Messiah will open for in-person worship

July 3 Saturday worship at 5:00 pm begins

July 4 Sunday worship at 8:30 am & 10:30 am begins

July 10 Norway Grove arrives & stays for a week

July 17 First Communion Class from 10am-12pm

Pr Andrew Plocher will be on vacation June 7-14

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: June 1-2, 16, 20-23, 27-30 Pr. Molly Eversoll: June 3-15, 17-19, 24-26,

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our July Messenger is Monday, July 21, 2021.

Messiah's Newsletter

May 30, 2021 Volume 103, Issue 6

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

Vacation Bible School - Compassion Camp

We will hold Vacation Bible School virtually again this year the week of June 28th. Last year we had great participation and even had families across the country get involved. Whether you have kids or are a kid at heart we hope that you will enjoy the videos, projects, movement, and music that will accompany VBS this year. Our theme is <u>Compassion Camp: Be Kind. Be Loved. Be You.</u>

Kids and families will explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. While it is geared toward both preschool-aged children and K-5th graders, it is extremely flexible, adaptable, and fun for the entire family, older siblings included. Videos from our volunteers will be released throughout the week of the 28th and resource packets will be mailed to families the week preceding VBS.

If you are interested in volunteering to make videos please contact the church office. Sign up will go live on June 1st and be available on Messiah's website: messiahlutheranmqt.org

First Communion Class - July 17th, 10am-12pm

We would like to invite you and your child to participate in our First Communion class. First Communion is an important milestone in your child's faith life, and the class provides an opportunity to teach your child about the sacrament of Holy Communion and what it means to our community of faith. We invite parents to determine if their child is ready for this class and welcome children of all ages.

On August 1st, during 10:30am worship, we will intentionally welcome the class to the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion for the first time. We are excited to celebrate First Communion with your family!

Please register for this class by contacting the church office (225-1119). If you have any questions about first communion, Pr. Molly or Pr. Andrew would be happy to speak with you.

Bulletin for At-Home Worship - Online or Radio

Please contact the church office if you would like a worship bulletin mailed to your home weekly for each Sunday morning service.

If you have a computer & internet access you can find the worship bullein on our website at www.messiahlutheranmqt.org; at the top right of the 'home' page click on Worship, click on Sunday's Bulletin, click the bulletin with Sunday's date, and either view there electronically or print.

Messiah's Birthdays June 2021

	June 2021
Tuesday 1	Ron Brow, Augie Gentz, Brandon Groleau
Wednesday 2	Sandy Lindberg
Thursday 3	Gayle Mack
Friday 4	No birthdays
Saturday 5	No birthdays
Sunday 6	Rick Beyers, Joan Gauthier, Lois Kampe, Sally McQueen
Monday 7	Barb Orhanen
Tuesday 8	John Gustafson, John Kiltinen, Judy Quirk
Wednesday 9	James Hewitt, Jon Hewitt
Thursday 10	Mary Beals, Karen Goins, Rulon Jewett
Friday 11	Pauline Kiltinen, Bruce Lindberg, Frank Summersett
Saturday 12	Shanna Bennett, Eleanor Gustafson, Phil Hoover, John Jamrich, Maggie Lindholm, Lillian Tuimala
Sunday 13	No birthdays
Monday 14	Karen Johnson
Tuesday 15	No birthdays
Wednesday 16	Jenni Blondeau, Jean Reynolds, June Swanson
Thursday 17	Grace Gronowski, Terry Langenberg, Ross Larson, Betsy Little
Friday 18	Meghan MacPhee, Mylee Muscoe, Jane Phillips
Saturday 19	Courtney McGovern, Joel Tervo, Jan Vickstrom
Sunday 20	Carol Bell, Gabe Gentz, Amber Hewitt, Taylor McGovern
Monday 21	Mackenzie Beaudoin, Grace Chien, Lars Gentz
Tuesday 22	Evan Fezatt, Carol Masuga
Wednesday 23	Marjorie Andersen
Thursday 24	Ellen Cosner, Clayton Evans, Effie Jussila, Elden Wilder
Friday 25	Don Dreisbach, Jon Magnuson, Logan Peterson
Saturday 26	Eliisa Gladwell

Sunday 27	Stephen Luty, Ben Taylor
Monday 28	Jessica Boehlke, Grayson Wash
Tuesday 29	Finn Bennett, Jaime Olson
Wednesday 30	Jason Elsenbroek, Melissa Hill, Chuck Suckow

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* Betsy Cooper on the recent passing of her cousin, Roberta.

In Celebration of:

* Jen Elsenbroek's graduation from Wartburg Theological Seminary with an Advanced Certificate in Youth & Family Ministry.

Pr. Molly will serve as Administrative Interim for Prince of Peace

I have been asked to serve as the Administrative Interim at Prince of Peace in Harvey at the request of the Bishop and in fulfillment of my role as a pastor to the whole church. My role at Prince of Peace will be limited so that it will not interfere with my ministry at Messiah nor will I be a candidate for the position to be their pastor beyond my interim work. The role as administrative interim will be restricted to administrative roles such as preaching and leading worship once a month, attending council meetings, organizing pulpit supply, and being on call for pastoral care. It will begin in June and last until they receive a new pastor. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me. --- Pastor Molly

Hildegarde Johnson Music Scholarship Award

Isabelle Beaudoin has been awarded Messiah's Hildegarde Johnson Music Scholarship for 2021. Isabelle is completing 6th grade at Bothwell Middle School this spring and has been studying the clarinet for the past year. Her application requested assistance with acquiring an instrument of her own. We are pleased to be able to help her studies in Hildegarde's name.

The Hildegarde Johnson Music Scholarship is named for Messiah's longest serving Director of Music. Hildegarde became Director of Messiah's Senior Choir in 1940 and served in that capacity for over 50 years. She was also a music teacher in the Marquette school system. At the time of her retirement, the Senior Choir established the Scholarship to honor her many years of service. Gifts to the Scholarship Fund are always welcome. Please contact the Office to find out how you may contribute!

We look forward to accepting applications again in February, 2022.

To view our calendar, updated daily, please go to MessiahLutheranmqt.org

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Jon & Laurel Thank You!

Dear Messiah Family & Friends, Thanks for the gifts of food. Some of you put your name on the food and we have had conversations about you as we savored the meal. Others did not include a name or perhaps the name got lost as items were transferred from a Messiah freezer to our son's freezer, to ours. These mystery gifts were a special reminder of the collective ministry & care our congregation extends.

I realize our request for frozen food isn't common. The intensity and unpredictability of our lives the past few months, have left us not knowing where we will be or how many we need to feed. This frozen meal option has warmed our hearts and filled our bellies over and over. As we prepare for our third trip to the Mayo Clinic, I've realized these frozen gifts can travel with us to eat while we are there. We don't go out and this makes a delicious meal possible after a long day of appointments and treatments.

Our congregation is a blessing in the community in so many ways. It means so much to be the recipients of your generosity.

All the best, Laurel and Jon Kniskern

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Jean Rahilly; Chris Heiskanen; Roger; Craig; Brian; Sigurds Janners; Carol; Chris; Phyllis; Jon; Larry; Lee; Wil; Marion Wrate; Jamie Baril; Jan Brown; Johnnie; Ray Hasenhauer; John & Rose Collins; Scotti Oja & her family; Jess Laxo & her grandma Betty; Erin Andrews; Tina & her roommate; Ted Koehler; Carol; Matthew Williamson; Linda Ruohoniemi; Jim Shirtz; Cheryl; Billi Jo; 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

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!

In The Hospital

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

MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers)

Our Marquette Area MOPS group wrapped up the season on May 6. Though COVID19 may have prevented in person meetings, it didn't stop us from having deep, meaningful conversations that fueled our souls, strengthened friendships, and spoke to the power of God. As we go through the summer, we will continue to pray for each other, and explore ways we can support the efforts of the UP MOM project (a UPHCS - healthcare solutions funded program that aims to address opioid misuse in pregnant and postpartum moms). We'll coordinate in person mom meet ups and playdates, in an effort to stay connected.

Next season's theme is "All for Love" and will focus on the transformative power of love and learn to walk in power, love one another, and make it our legacy. We are grateful for Messiah Lutheran's support of this special ministry for mothers and their children from pregnancy through kindergarten. We appreciate the financial support and prayers from our Messiah congregation. We are especially grateful for the administrative and mentorship support of Nancy Hoover.

Please spread the word. We are now open for next season's memberships. See our Marquette Area MOPS Facebook page, pick up a form in the office, or logon to our Messiah website, under Ministries/Children. Email questions to MOPS@MessiahLutheranMqt.org.

God's Peace, Sarah Janda and Oliva Archocosky, MOPS co-coordinators

Help us paint!

Do you enjoy the satisfaction of painting walls? Do you find it cathartic or even therapeutic? Help us paint the walls of the hallway and Magnuson Hall! The Building & Grounds team will provide the supplies and guidance, but we'd love to have your energy and passion to assist them! If you're interested, please contact the church office. Dates are yet to be determined, but will be in June.

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 & internet access.

Our 8:30 am worship will always be broadcast on the radio at Sunny 101.9 FM & streamed at the following sites: Vimeo - vimeo.com/messiahlutheranmqt and Facebook - www.facebook.com/messiahlutheranmqt

The New Free Store Donations & Request for Help...

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.

*<u>Iune</u> - hand sanitizer, male/female razors

*<u>Iuly</u> - male/female deodorant

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

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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!
- **3.** 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 at Messiah.

U.P. Wild Church - June Event

U.P. Wild Church will be taking a wilderness walk in a new area of the Upper Peninsula. We are tentatively planning on Tyoga Historical Pathway in Deerton, MI for a Saturday in mid-June. Please contact Lanni at lanni@ upwild.org or 906-251-0065. Our reflection will be on stewardship of the trees and our bioregion as walking the path of Christ. We encourage you to invite someone who may not go to traditional church services. www.upwild.org

Lectionary Readings - June 2021

June 6 -- 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Reading.....Genesis 3:8-15 Gospel......Mark 3:20-35

June 13 -- 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Reading.....Ezekiel 17:22-24 Gospel......Mark 4:26-34

June 20 -- 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading......Job 38:1-11 Gospel......Mark 4:35-41

June 27 -- 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading.....Lamentations 3:22-33 Gospel......Mark 5:21-43

Council Highlights - May 2021

- Pastor Molly updated the Council: two NMU students have been chosen
 to serve as interns with our high school youth program. They will be
 working with the pastors & connecting with our high school age students in the fall.
- Council approved the purchase/installation of a new boiler/hot water heater for the 4th Street house. They also approved the installation of technology infrastructure to handle our increased streaming capabilities.
- Adult Day Service has terminated their lease with Messiah, as this service is no longer available.
- Council unanimously supported the application of Jen Elsenbroek for Deacon candidacy and will provide the funds for the application process.

Respectfully submitted, Erik Bergh, MLC Council President

ELCA Advocacy Alerts

<u>COVID-19 VACCINE ACCESS</u>: Although a World Trade Organization (WTO) waiver of intellectual property rights for COVID-19 vaccines and treatments, known as the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS) agreement, is not finalized, the support for temporary ease of rules announced May 5 by the Biden Administration has potential for India and other nations to increase their access to potentially lifesaving means to stem the spread and severity of this global pandemic.

ELCA Witness in Society staff have been advocating with others to get members of the House of Representatives to also support the waiver allowing increased global access. The ELCA has also signed onto letters urging the U.S. to take this step. More members of Congress in both chambers have publicly expressed their support.

<u>REPARATIONS</u>: H.R. 40, the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act, is poised for a vote in the House of Representatives – the first time the bill has received a vote since its introduction in 1989. If passed, a 13-person commission would be formed to study the lasting effects of slavery.

That commission would submit its findings, recommendations and suggested remedies to Congress. In 2019, the ELCA Church Council called for action to further "engage in anti-racism and racial justice work, work toward economic justice—including the study of reparations." The Declaration to People of African Descent adopted by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly that same year offered a public apology to people of African descent which acknowledges that racism and white supremacy are deeply rooted in our history and that the church is complicit. An Action Alert expressing support for H.R. 40 is available in the Action Center, and ELCA staff are continuing to meet with lawmakers in Congress as the bill heads to its first vote.

<u>UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AT THE BORDER</u>: Though there are fewer unaccompanied children in Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) custody due to more efficient processing, there are still thousands of children in government care waiting to be reunited with family or placed with a foster parent.

Witness in Society staff continue to advocate for highest standards of care for unaccompanied children and families, while advocating against the use of policies such as Title 42 public health order used to expel most migrants. Additional updates are available from ELCA AMMPARO through their @ ELCA ammparo social media presence and blog.

<u>IUST TRANSITION PRINCIPLES</u>: In work with policy makers, ELCA federal advocacy emphasizes that declining net emissions, while essential to respond to the threat of climate change, are not the only measures that must be considered. Clean energy transition policies should fairly distribute gains and losses.

Some of these themes are explored in the resource "Just Transition to a Sustainable Future" and "Carbon Pricing Basics," found from ELCA.org/resources/advocacy.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Accessing a safe home is less affordable than ever. The Biden Administration submitted its proposed annual budget to Congress on April 9. Record high numbers of Americans are facing the risk of eviction due to the pandemic, and housing costs are climbing.

As lawmakers negotiate and make determinations for government funding distribution, utilize the ELCA Action Alert facilitating comments to lawmakers in support of funding affordable housing and homeless programs this year.

(taken from the May 2021 ELCA Avocacy Connections publication)

Zoom Qi Gong for Health & Wellness

- It's often an effort to keep moving as we age. Our health tosses in so many roadblocks, increasingly.
- It was so much easier in our youth: Hop up and go and the body responded.
- It does keep our mind active to continually adjust to circumstances and find our way through.
- Wherever you are in this journey, wishing you blessings.

Zoom Qi Gong is held on Tuesdays from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. It is lead by Diana Magnuson (906-362-9386 or magnusondiana@gmail.com)

Each class member applies their own range of motion to the qigong exercises, standing or chair. We use body structure for balance, stress and pain relief in daily life; walking, turning, lifting, reaching, sitting. The gentle movements can also be used with prayer disciplines, using breathing as an essential component. Members turn off video and mute while I lead. It's a welcome anonymity -no competition, rest as you wish. In the beginning and at the end, we review together. Instead of a fee, we invite you to make a contribution to Messiah Lutheran Church's food bank at any time as a sign of thanksgiving.

'Welcome Your Neighbor' Signs

These yard signs are available for purchase in the church office for a suggested donation of \$10.00 to offset the cost. Starting June 1st, the office is open M-Th from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Fri. 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & Sun. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, feel free to come in & pick one up.

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.

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