

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:45 AM

(with Nursery)

This service is broadcast
on Sunny 101.9 FM

Sunday 10:30 AM

(with Nursery)

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Member of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



August 29, 2021

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

* Herb & Sandy Grenke's 60th wedding anniversary

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

* from Bill & Barb Anderson

Livestreaming: **To the Glory of God...**

* from our Messiah family

Siblings in Christ,

As the author of Ecclesiastes once wrote, "to everything there is a season," and, as the saying goes, "the only constant is change."

It has been one of the most difficult and strange years that most of us can remember. We have woven in and out of restrictions, isolation, and modified working/schooling conditions. We've been online and in person, masked and unmasked, and are still navigating safety and comfort. What started in March of 2020 continues to challenge our community, our nation, and our world.

As I write to you, we arrive at the threshold of Autumn and the start of the school year. It is a time when we normally celebrate the return of rhythms. Time away becomes time at home, summer camps are exchanged for classes, and the hodge-podge schedules of summer become more metered days.

Traditionally Messiah celebrates rally day – a sort of homecoming – as the fall begins, and so we do so again this year. On September 12th we will gather for our rescheduled annual meeting and then adjourn to the parking lot for food and fellowship. The meeting will begin at 11:30 and we hope to be done by noon. Please mark your calendars and join us if you are able!

As we celebrate the "return" to church in this tumultuous time, I am mindful of the change that is coming to Anna and my lives very soon. Our first child is due on September 19th and we are excited as that date draws near. Please know that Anna and the baby (a boy) are doing well, and we appreciate your prayers of support. It was a long journey for us leading to this pregnancy and we are in awe of the miracle of life. We are also mindful that the challenges of fertility and pregnancy are not unique to us. If you have struggled with fertility, please know that you are not alone.

While Anna and I couldn't have imagined welcoming a child during a pandemic – here we are. Ecclesiastes was right that there is a season for everything, whether we know it or not.

In this season of life for Anna and me, we ask your grace and space as we learn to be a new family together. We will share the news of a birth as swiftly and widely as we can among the Messiah community. I will be on paternity leave full-time for 6 weeks beginning when the baby arrives (or Sept. 19th), whichever comes first. I'll then be back part-time for 4 weeks before returning to my normal full-time role. I am incredibly grateful for our synod's recommended family leave, for the generosity of our Council, and for our staff in making this possible. I'm especially thankful for Pr. Molly's presence and skillful ministry while I will be away.

If you are interested in supporting our family during this transition, please contact the church office and they can give you some guidance. Once Anna and I are comfortable doing so (which is a difficult question in a pandemic), we look forward to introducing our son to all of you. Indeed, I'm delighted that he'll have such an amazing extended family!

In closing, my prayer for you these days is one I hold for myself. It is one that is expressed beautifully in Mary Oliver's poem "Don't Hesitate":

"If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate. Give in to it. There are plenty of lives and whole towns destroyed or about to be. We are not wise, and not very often kind. And much can never be redeemed. Still, life has some possibility left. Perhaps this is its way of fighting back, that sometimes something happens better than all the riches or power in the world. It could be anything, but very likely you notice it in the instant when love begins. Anyway, that's often the case. Anyway, whatever it is, don't be afraid of its plenty. Joy is not made to be a crumb."

blessings,
Pr. Andrew

****Annual Congregational Meeting - September 12****

Our **rescheduled Congregational Meeting** for 2020 will be held on **September 12th at 11:30 am** in the sanctuary. Items of business include the approval of the budget and elections (Council, committee members, delegates). All members are encouraged to come and participate. We hope to see you there!

WELCA Fall Meeting - Canceled

The WELCA Fall cluster meeting will need to be canceled due to the possible uptick of COVID. We are trying to think of those that attend and do not feel that it would be in the best interest of all involved. Hope to see you in the Spring!

Thank you for your understanding...Michelle

Messiah Calendar

Monday, August 30

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
12:00 pm Days for Girls
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday, August 31

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

Wednesday, September 1

Nothing Scheduled

Thursday, September 2

10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study
4:00 pm Asylum Task Force
5:00 pm Building & Grounds

Friday, September 3

Nothing Scheduled

Saturday, September 4

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, September 5

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Worship
10:30 am Worship

Pr. Molly's Koinonia Bible Study-Thursdays

In pre-pandemic times, Pastor Molly hosted a Bible study where we began our journey through the Bible. It's time that we embarked on that journey again! Although it may take all our joined minds to remember what chapter of Genesis we were on, we will finally be able to gather to enjoy each other's wisdom, ask the tough questions, and to delve deeper into the Word of God. Bring your Bible & your curiosity and join Pastor Molly on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Atrium.

Rally Day! - September 12

We haven't had a church picnic in two years, so this is BIG! Join us on September 12th at noon for our Rally Day picnic. There will be food, activities, and the opportunity to socialize and catch up with one another as we begin our Fall rhythms here at Messiah!

In The Hospital

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

Virtual Worship

Messiah's 8:30 am worship will be broadcast on the radio at Sunny 101.9 FM. Both of our Sunday morning services (8:30 & 10:30 am) can be found online at the following sites: Vimeo - vimeo.com/messiahlutheranmqt and Facebook - www.facebook.com/messiahlutheranmqt

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: September 1, 5-8, 12-15
Pr. Molly Eversoll: September 2-4, 9-11, 16-30

Pr. Andrew will be out on paternity leave starting around mid-September

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our October newsletter is Monday, September 20, 2021.

Messiah's Newsletter

August 29, 2021
Volume 103, Issue 9

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

Special Events for September & October

September 6 Church office closed for Labor Day
September 9 Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
September 12 Annual Meeting for 2020 at 11:30 am
September 12 Rally Day Picnic at 12:00 pm
September 16 Synod's Walking Together event at 5:30 pm
September 19 Sunday School starts
September 26 Bible Sunday for 3 year olds, 3rd graders & 6th graders
October 2 LWR In-Gathering, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
October 2 Blessing of the Pets at 4:30 pm (5:00 pm worship to follow)
October 10 CROP Walk, 2:00 pm at Hope Connecton Center (Fair Ave.)

Rally Day - Help with Lifting/Setting Up

We are in need of volunteers to help lift & carry tables and chairs on Sunday morning (9/12) before & after our Rally Day picnic. As the date nears, we can pinpoint the time this will happen based on who can help when. Please consider this and know that you will have a fantastic hot dog lunch with delicious sides as well as ice cream at the end! A local Boy Scout troop will be putting up canopy covers for some of the tables, to include the food tables.

If you are able to help with setting up & taking down tables & chairs, please contact the church office at 225-1119 or office@messiahlutheranmqt.org
Thank you!

Messiah's Birthdays

September 2021

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

Saturday 25	Jon Christensen, Don Grisham, Terry Keuscher, Jordan Vanlerberghe, Angela Weir
Sunday 26	Laurie Smith
Monday 27	Gene Arntsen
Tuesday 28	Melissa Peterson
Wednesday 29	Laura Tripp
Thursday 30	No birthdays

Passages

In Sympathy to:

- * Lowell & Pearl Larson & family upon the passing of Pearl's brother Wesley Maki.
- * Jeff & Sally Olson & family upon the passing of Jeff's father Sigward Olson.
- * Jason & Jen Elsenbroek & family upon the passing of Jason's father Jim Elsenbroek.

In Celebration of:

- * Hal Martin becoming an Associate Member of Messiah. Please welcome him when you see him at worship. He normally attends our 10:30 am service.

Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners will meet for the first time on Sunday, October 24th at 9:45 am in Magnuson Hall. There are sign-up sheets on the welcome table near the office for children & adults. Participating children can be between the age of five & 5th grade. It is an opportunity for the children to meet an adult that works with them. The sign-up sheets must be turned into the church office by Sunday, September 26th. If you have any questions, you can email Sherry at sherrymj2@yahoo.com. Thank you.

- - - Sherry Johnson, Prayer Partner Coordinator

Blessing of the Pets

On Saturday, October 2nd, Pastor Molly will be blessing our furry (or scaley) friends! You are invited to gather with your pet in the sanctuary at 4:30 pm for a reading, blessing, and treat for your good boy or girl. Our 5:00 pm service will follow as normal.

Walking Together Event

Messiah will be hosting our synod conference's Walking Together Event on Thursday, September 16th at 5:30 pm. It would be wonderful to have a good turnout of people from Messiah so that we can learn about what is happening within the synod and how we can be involved. This event is a gathering of our conference and will include idea generating conversation, encourage creative solutions, and offer the blessing of being church together with other congregations in our area. If you are interested in coming, please let us know by contacting the church office or filling out the sign-up sheet on the welcome table!

Volunteer Training for Room at the Inn

Are you interested in helping out at Room at the Inn? While we are no longer hosting overnight guests, there are still many ways that you can be involved. You're invited to a training at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church (401 W Kaye Ave) on September 7th from 6:00 -7:00 pm. Trainings will be offered the first Tuesday of every month at St. Michaels. For more information about volunteering, visit the Room at the Inn website: roomattheinn.org/volunteer

Volunteer Needed at The New Free Store

The New Free Store is in need of a volunteer to transport and cash in returnable cans/bottles to the grocery store. They receive approximately 8-10 grocery bags of donated cans/bottles each week. The volunteer would need a car with a large trunk or a back hatch. Please contact Judy Kitchen, TNFS Store Manager at 906-362-8291, if you are interested. Thank you!

UPWild.org

Join the UPWild folks for these upcoming adventures in September...

September 4: Earth Healing: Planting Trees with the Cedar Tree Institute in Big Bay

September 8: Blessing the Monarchs @ Stonington Lighthouse in Rapid River

September 18: The Lost City Walk @ Negaunee Caving Grounds

September 26: Nature Prayer Service @ Presque Isle in Marquette

For times and more information: www.upwild.org / 906-251-0065 ~ Lanni

Council Highlights - August 2021

Messiah's August Council meeting was canceled due to a quorum not being met. It has been postponed/rescheduled for Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 pm.

LWR School Kits - September

Messiah's Women Reaching Women Circle will be gathering school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits in September. Please consider donating the following items for the kits, which will be sent to students in need in the United States & around the world. A bin is available in the narthex for this collection. Thank you!

LWR School Kits - Items needed:

- 70-sheet spiral notebooks, wide- or college-ruled
- 30 cm ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- pencil sharpeners
- Fiskar-type children's scissors
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- Pink Pearl-type erasers
- ballpoint pens, blue or black ink (No gel ink)

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Carol Steinhaus; Jason & Jen Elsenbroek & family upon the passing of Jason's father Jim; Jeff & Sally Olson & family upon the passing of Jeff's father Sigward Olson; Lowell & Pearl Larson & family upon the passing of Pearl's brother Wesley Maki; Dick Toyra; Shawn; Owen, Becky & Joe; Ed Puska, Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Martha; Ann Lahti; Grace Wurster; Marjorie Vidlund; Mike McGrath; Jean Rahilly; Chris Heiskanen; Brian; Sigurds Janners; Chris; Phyllis; Jon; Larry Pagel; Lee; Wil; Jamie Baril; Johnnie; Ray Hasenhauer; Erin Andrews; Tina & her roommate; Matthew Williamson; Linda Ruohoniemi; Jim Shirtz; Cheryl; Wayne Hanmer; Judy Donckers; Karen Johnson; Jill Krah; Michael Orhanen; Kristina Asta; 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!

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets the second Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:00 pm during the academic year (Sept-May). Join to rejoice and discuss the journey of motherhood. We welcome all mothers of preschool - Kindergarten aged children. We are always looking for volunteers who would like to help with childcare or be a mentor mom. Visit our Facebook page Marquette Area MOPS or call Olivia 906-360-8466.

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CROP Walk 2021! - Messiah Liaison

The 2021 CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 10th. Currently we are in need of a CROP Walk liaison for Messiah. This volunteer position isn't too time intensive. You would get the packet of information for the walk, explain the CROP Walk to others in our congregation who inquire about it, and hand out envelopes for those interested in walking to raise funds for local hunger. After the walk you would collect all walkers' funds and turn them in to the First Presbyterian Church. If you choose, you can coordinate a group from Messiah to walk together to help fight hunger. If you are interested in being Messiah's liaison for the CROP Walk please contact the church office (225-1119 or office@messiahlutheranmqt.org).

25% of funds raised this year for CROP walk will stay local and be split between St. Vincent de Paul & NMU's food bank.

If you are interested in giving towards the CROP Walk this year, please make your check payable to: CWS/CROP All checks need to be turned in to Messiah's office by Tuesday, October 12th. Thank you all for your support.

Confirmation Retreats

Confirmation is going to look very different this year and we are very excited to introduce a new format! This year we will have three retreat style classes. Two of the retreats will be at Fortune Lake and one will be at church. Pastors Andrew and Molly will lead and I will assist along with other volunteers. The retreats are as follows:

- *November 5-7 will be at Fortune Lake*
- *February 4-5 will be at church*
- *May 13-14 at Fortune Lake*

Our hope is that this can be an intentional time for learning, growth and building relationships.

In addition to the retreats, we are planning some games and fun at North Fourth with the youth and our guests. We will meet for the first time on Sunday, September 26th at North Fourth (the basement of the Elsenbroek's house) after 10:30 worship (12:00) for games and pizza!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. Feel free to call me (906-202-2657). Also let me know if you did not receive a letter about Confirmation and I will get one to you ASAP.

-- Jen Elsenbroek, Confirmation Leader

'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. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Friday & Sunday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Feel free to come in & pick one up for your yard.

Lectionary Readings - Sept 2021

September 5 -- 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading.....Isaiah 35:4-7a

Gospel.....Mark 7:24-37

September 12 -- 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Gospel.....Mark 8:27-38

September 19 -- 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading.....Jeremiah 11:18-20

Gospel.....Mark 9:30-37

September 26 -- 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading.....Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Gospel.....Mark 9:38-50

Livestream Sponsorship

As we move into this post-pandemic phase, we are adding another weekly sponsorship item for you to consider. Along with sponsoring the Altar Flowers or the Radio Broadcast, we are adding Livestream. If you would like to sponsor our livestream on any given Sunday, contact the office at 225-1119 or office@messiahlutheranmqt.org. The cost of the Livestream sponsorship is \$110.

Similar to Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast, you can sponsor the Livestream in Memory or in Honor of a loved one. This will start during the weekend of August 7 & 8. Thank you!

Medication Help Available

If you have questions &/or concerns regarding your medications, you can contact retired pharmacist, Barb Salmela. To get her contact information, please contact the church office. All inquiries are confidential. She can help find discounts for medication, ways to possibly obtain them for free, or suggest less expensive alternatives. Also, if you need assistance signing up for Medicare, please call Barb for an appointment. She would be happy to help you through this process.

Update on the Family Messiah is Accompanying Through the Asylum Process

Glenda, Romel, and Fernando arrived safely on August 9th and have experienced a whirlwind of activities since their arrival. They have been very grateful for the hospitality that they have received both at church and in the community. They express that gratitude frequently and are very happy to have arrived in Marquette. Thank you for being such a welcoming community!

Much is being accomplished regarding medical and dental care, educational pursuits, and moving forward through the legal process which anyone seeking asylum needs to accomplish. Thanks to all who have graciously greeted and welcomed them and offered support in any way. There is a volunteer sheet available to be filled out if you would like to offer assistance with transportation, (including rides to church), shopping, etc. There is also a Task Force Volunteer Agreement which needs to be signed before participating in any volunteer activities with the family. You can get these forms at the church office.

Please be respectful of the family's privacy and refrain from asking personal questions regarding their journey from Honduras. On the other hand, if you have signed up to volunteer in any way, feel free to help them get to know you and our city! Those of us who have had the privilege of interacting with this wonderful family have been impressed by their positive attitudes, eagerness to learn English, and willingness to participate in many different activities. Spanish translators are available to accompany you on an outing with the family. Simply call Inga in the church office and she will arrange a translator for you.

Messiah Church Directory Updates

It is time to update and print a new church directory for the 2021-2022 academic year. If your address or phone number have changed, please contact the church office office@messiahlutheranmq.org, or note the changes on the print-out on the welcome table. We'd appreciate receiving these changes by Labor Day weekend September 5. Thank you!

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.

Bell Choir

The Messiah Bell Choir will be playing this fall. We will start rehearsing in mid-October to be prepared to ring for the Advent/Christmas Season. Our first selections will be from the 8 bell arraignments. I hope we can progress to 2 and 3 octave numbers. Blessings to you.

--- Judy Quirk, Bell Choir Director

Zoom Qi Gong for Health & Wellness

- *It's often an effort to keep moving as we age. Our health tosses in so many road-blocks, 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.

Produce Swap at Messiah

It's that time of year where all of our gardeners share the bounty of their gardens with friends and neighbors. During the next few weeks we are setting up a table at Messiah where people can bring their produce to share, or to take some produce home with them. We are looking forward to "sharing the harvest" with our Messiah community.

LWR In-Gathering at Messiah

This year our ingathering of quilts, school kits, personal care kits, and baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief will be held at Messiah on Saturday October 2nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Churches from central/western UP will be unloading their items for storage in Messiah's education wing. Early the following week Messiah volunteers will be loading everything on a UHaul for transport to the LWR warehouse in St. Paul. Please watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the coming weeks. Volunteers will be needed on October 2nd as well as the following week (the date of the U-Haul loading will be determined soon).

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the U-Haul and gasoline expense, please send a check with a notation of LWR U-Haul in the memo line.

We greatly appreciate the faithful work of our Messiah quilters and our Women of the ELCA circles who work to get quilts made & kits assembled. We also thank Les Scheuren who will be transporting all of these items to St. Paul.

Blessing the Trees 2021 - September 4th & 11th

September 4th & 11th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Meet at Messiah's Parking Lot at 8:45 am. Leaving for Big Bay where we will stop for a brief orientation at the Community Presbyterian Church, then on to our planting of 250 trees on each of two consecutive days. All are welcome. This is not a typical commercial-like tree planting event. Each seedling is placed into the ground with prayer. Many of them will be accompanied by a specific name in memory of a loved one.

This is an opportunity to make a difference. Gently. With an investment in protecting our environment for future generations. Volunteers, young and old, from Wild Church and the Yellow Dog Community Forest will be with us. Rain or shine!

If you wish to help us or for more information call Ken Kelley 906-869-1911. Donations for trees are always welcome at \$5 per tree. Please list a name for whom you wish the tree to be planted along with your contribution so prayers will be lifted up accordingly. Checks can be made out to the Cedar Tree Institute or you can make a donation via the CTI website at cedartree-institute.org. via the Donate Button on the home page. Donations can be dropped off at Messiah Lutheran Church's office.

Martin Luther said it best 400 years ago. "If I know the world would end tomorrow, I would plant a tree!" He believed no matter what happens, love wins.

--- Jon Magnuson

Synod Lifelong Learning

The Northern Great Lakes Synod offers a diverse series of online classes for adults who want to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Bible, church history, Lutheran Theology, contemporary Christian issues, and more. Launched in 2020, Lifelong Faith Formation, evolved from the synod's Lay School for Mission.

Lifelong Faith Formation is not driven by an end result, such as graduation from a program. It is not a certification program to become a Licensed Lay Minister. It may play a role in an individual's discernment to participate in a higher accountability program through a neighboring synod (East Central Synod of Wisconsin or Northwest Synod of Wisconsin) or lead to seminary. If you are interested in becoming a Licensed Lay Minister, please read this article

<https://nglsynod.org/dataarchive/ngls/pdf2017/LaySchoolLetter.pdf>

and contact Bishop Katherine Finegan.

Mostly, Lifelong Faith Formation is designed for curious adults who want to engage more deeply with the Bible, to learn more about church traditions, to become better equipped to serve the work of Christ in their congregations and to grow in spirituality and faith.

While pandemic restrictions have eased, these are still uncertain times. The Synod will continue to offer online classes this fall. Two special notes: First, some people may meet as a group out of their own congregations. Second, last year we realized that online learning presents an opportunity to connect people from across the synod—people who share a love of learning and have discovered that adult studies help them to grow in faith. Classes are FREE but may require the purchase of textbooks or other materials. Students will receive Zoom links from their instructor. For more information or to ask questions, please contact Deacon Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynod.org. For details about fall classes and to register, go to <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/?swcfpc=1>

The New Free Store Donations

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.

*September - Feminine pads & tampons

*October - Hand Santiziaer & Toilet paper(4 or 6 rolls/pack)

September 2021 Worship Volunteers

Saturday September 4 - 5 pm

Ushers- Billie Johnson, Diana Peterson
Assisting Minister- Kathy Godec

Sunday September 5 - 8:30 am

Ushers- Sam Elder, Bruce Robertson
Reader- Brenda Blett
Communion Assistants- Beth Krznarich, Larry Pagel
Greeters- Beth Krznarich, Pat Nebel
Assisting Minister- one needed

Sunday September 5 - 10:30 am

Ushers- Nancy Raisanen
Reader-
Communion Assistants-
Greeters-
Assisting Minister- Susan Shaver

Saturday September 11 - 5 pm

Ushers- Ron Tervo, Jan Julian
Assisting Minister- Clare Sauer

Sunday September 12 - 8:30 am

Ushers- Ray Jarvis, Linda Berry
Reader- Jennifer Bleckiner
Communion Assistants- Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist
Greeters- Penny Streeter, Mary Lou Luke
Assisting Minister- Mary Lou Blomquist

Sunday September 12 - 10:30 am

Ushers-
Reader-
Communion Assistants-
Greeters-
Assisting Minister-

Saturday September 18 - 5 pm

Ushers- Chris Kotila
Assisting Minister- Karen Kimar-Johnson

Sunday September 19 - 8:30 am

Ushers- Barb Avery, Cathy Seblonka
Reader- Fred Maynard
Communion Assistants- Kathy Maynard, Bruce Robertson
Greeters- Helen Steinhoff, Darlene Martin
Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

Sunday September 19 - 10:30 am

Ushers-
Reader-
Communion Assistants-
Greeters-
Assisting Minister- Molly Smith

Saturday September 25 - 5 pm

Ushers-
Assisting Minister- Chris Kotila

Sunday September 26 - 8:30 am

Ushers- David Dill, Linda Berry
Reader- Kathy Soltwisch
Communion Assistants- Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist
Greeters- Jan Vickstrom, Joan Tasson
Assisting Minister- Larry Pagel

Sunday September 26 - 10:30 am

Ushers- Mark Petrie, Vickie Paupore
Reader-
Communion Assistants-
Greeters-
Assisting Minister-

Messiah's Church Staff:

Pastoral Staff:

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

Support Staff:

Parish Administrator.....Jennifer Dodge
Administrative Assistant.....Inga Banitt
Custodian.....Kevin McGrath
Parish Accountant.....Mike Hill
Financial Secretary.....Nancy Hoover

Music Staff:

Music Director.....Dave Dugemais
Organist/Pianist.....Kathy Strazzinski
Pianist.....Lynne Lancy
Bell Choir Director.....Judy Quirk

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