

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for September 15, 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!*



Welcome, Baby Theo!

We're thrilled to announce the arrival of Theo Ashby Zimmer, born to Pastor Andrew and Anna on September 14 at 5:56 pm. Parents and baby are all doing well!

Theo (pronounced "Tayo" as it is in German) is 7 lbs 11 oz and 20.25 inches. His photo is posted in the church office; be sure to stop by and see it.

Pastor Andrew and Anna would greatly appreciate receiving freezer meals during this busy time. Soups, casseroles, pasta dishes or any favorite dish that freezes well are welcome. Please bring your meal to Messiah during our office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday or 8 am to noon on Friday) and we will keep them in Messiah's freezer. If you need to arrange a different time to drop off your meal, please call the church office at 225-1119. Thank you!

Six Month Giving Statements

Giving statements were mailed 9/1/21. Please review your statement and let me know if you did not receive one for your donations. We are still adjusting to a new system and known statement remedies are listed below:

- If you gave electronically and made a pledge, some of your gifts may still need to be manually applied to your pledge. I am aware and will make sure they are completed for year-end statements.

- If you received two parts to your statement for both electronic and check/cash gifts, your name(s) may be displayed differently. I am aware of this speed bump and will resolve it for year-end statements.

- If you gave electronically through our prior system for January and February, these may not have shown on your statement. Please let me know, I'm working to determine why they didn't migrate to statements.

Please inform me of anything else that doesn't look right to you, and I will resolve and respond. If you already called or emailed, I'm following up on all calls and emails. Thank you in advance for your patience. I work part time so an email would be best, otherwise please contact the office.

Nancy Hoover, Financial Secretary, [Messiah.NancyH@gmail.com](mailto: Messiah.NancyH@gmail.com)

Luty Reception

Molly and Stephen Luty will be celebrating their recent wedding locally on October 9th at Messiah in the fellowship hall from 3 to 5 p.m. Come join to celebrate the newly married couple with music, appetizers, and cake!

Fortune Lake Fall Fest and Auction

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp's Fall Fest will include a live, in-person event on Saturday October 2 as well as a virtual auction that runs September 22 at 9 am central time through October 2 at 5 pm central time.

The October 2 live event will include a continental breakfast in the dining hall, a bake sale, country store, and draffle (drawing-raffle) and an auction of 30 handmade quilts in the chapel. Masks will be required, regardless of vaccination status, in all indoor spaces.

The virtual auction will take place completely online where you can bid from the comfort of your home. As soon as the virtual auction link is ready, it will be posted on Fortune Lake's website; go to fortunelake.org for the link and to find out more about these events. Thank you in advance for supporting the outdoor ministries of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

Ingathering for Lutheran World Relief 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 2 from 9 am to 1 pm. Churches from the central and western UP will be unloading their items for storage in Messiah's education wing; and at 8:45 am the following Monday October 4, Messiah volunteers will be loading everything on a U-Haul for transport to the LWR warehouse in St. Paul. A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the welcome table outside the church office. Volunteers will be needed on Saturday October 2 and Monday morning October 4; please specify the days and times you are available on the sign-up sheet.

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 and kits assembled. We also thank Les Scheuren who will be transporting all of these items to St. Paul.

CROP Walk 2021! - Messiah Liaison

The 2021 CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 10th.

If you are interested in raising funds for hunger by walking in the 2021 CROP Walk or if you have questions, please reach out to Jason Parks at japarks@ymail.com. There is a two- or a three-mile loop to walk. When you return to the starting point at Hope Church on Fair Ave, they will have some refreshments for everyone. Please consider walking for hunger. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised will stay in our local area and will be split between St. Vincent de Paul and 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 for your support.

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>

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 Elsenbroeks' 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).

--Jen Elsenbroek, Confirmation Leader

Asahi Health Exercise Session and Teacher Training

Margaret Vainio is offering Asahi Health Exercise Teacher Training at Messiah September 24-25. The training will be held in the atrium from 5 to 8:30 pm on Friday September 24 and 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday September 25.

Margaret will also be offering an Asahi session after 10:30 worship on Sunday September 26 in Messiah's back parking lot.

For more information and to register, email margaret.vainio@gmail.com

For a brochure with information about Asahi: www.asahiworld.com.

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 Sanitizer & Toilet paper (4 or 6 rolls/pack)*

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

Livestream Sponsorship

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 and Radio Broadcast, you can sponsor the Livestream in Memory or in Honor of a loved one. Thank you!

LWR School Kits

Messiah's Women Reaching Women Circle will be gathering school supplies for LWR School Kits in September. Please consider donating the following items for the kits, which will be sent to students in need in the US and 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)
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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*

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.

Special Events for August and September

September 19 Sunday School starts

September 26 Bible Sunday for 3-year-olds, 3rd graders & 6th graders

October 2 LWR In-Gathering at Messiah, 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 Connection Center (Fair Ave.)

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 led 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.

In the Hospital

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

In Our Prayers

Maggie Lindholm & family upon the passing of her husband John; Bill & Mary Davis & family upon the passing of their daughter Liz Kro; Ceil Ailkala; Mary Leslie; Carol Steinhaus; Dick Toyra; Shawn; Owen, Becky & Joe; Ed Puska, Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Martha; Ann Lahti; Grace Wurster; Marjorie Vidlund; Chris Heiskanen; Brian; Sigurds Janners; Chris; Phyllis; Jon; 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

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 paternity leave.

Pastor Molly is on call September 15-22.

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 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Worship Volunteers

Saturday September 18 – 5:00 pm in sanctuary

Ushers: Chris Kotila

Assisting Minister: Karen Kimar-Johnson

Sunday September 19 – 8:30 am in sanctuary and on 101.9 FM, Vimeo and Facebook

Ushers: Barb Avery, Cathy Seblonka

Reader: Fred Maynard

Greeters: Helen Steinhoff, Darlene Martin

Assisting Minister: Kathy Maynard

Sunday September 19 –10:30 am in sanctuary and on Vimeo and Facebook

Ushers: Ruth Robb

Reader: Mike Hill

Greeters: Kurt Mensching

Assisting Minister: Molly Smith

Announcements and Classified Ads

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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