

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for October 13, 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!



Border Trip 2022

Messiah, alongside Northern Campus Ministry, will be embarking on another border trip through Border Servant Corps in the early spring of 2022. This trip will be held from Saturday, February 26th through Friday, March 4th. It is a learning trip where we will visit the border places of Las Cruces, NM and El Paso, TX. It is a time to listen, learn, and reflect on stories and experiences at the border. A few things to expect if you are interested: we will be flying out of Milwaukee, the

trip involves a decent amount of walking and sitting for extended periods of time, Border Servant Corps provides housing and several meals, but experiencing the fusion of cuisine at the border is also a large part of the experience. The cost for the trip will be \$1,200 which includes airfare, transportation, and the fees from Border Servant Corps. A \$500 deposit will be necessary to secure your position after you have filled out an interest form & have spoken with Pastor Andrew and Pastor Molly.

Because we are traveling with campus ministry, spots are limited. If you are interested in participating, please fill out an interest form (located on the welcome table outside the office) and Pastor Molly will contact you and meet with you one-on-one in November.

Still There When the Headlines Go Away

Fires in California, hurricane floods in New Jersey and Louisiana. They make the news, and response pours in. But what happens when the headlines go away?

Six months later, a year, and your house is still not fit to live in. The stores ran out of plywood, and the carpenters and electricians are overwhelmed. It's just plain hard. Tempers fray. And you wonder if anybody still knows you're there.

I first learned about Lutheran Disaster Response when tornados hit Mountain Lake, Minnesota, near where we lived. They called for volunteers. The Red Cross was there, a Jewish Relief group, Lutheran Disaster Response – all of them worked together. There were stacks of bottled water in the high school gym, cartons of food, brooms and rakes to start the cleanup. LDR sent some of us out door to door, in our official T-shirts so people would know why we were there, to find out what people needed most right now.

And as we met for breaks, to talk things over, I learned it was Lutheran Disaster Response that would ask another question. What would this community still need, when all the headlines go away?

Rebuilding is slower than you might expect. "So when do things get back to normal?" In this year of Covid we've come to understand how that goes. After six months, a year, two years, when part of your town is still wrecked, you wonder if normal will ever come again. That's when Lutheran Disaster Response is still there. If supplies are needed, LDR will help find them.

When counseling and simple support is what you need, LDR will be there. That's their role. To be there when the headlines go away. To stay there until "normal" comes at last. However long it takes.

You can find their web site:

www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/

You'll see links for the California fires, and for Hurricane Ida. You'll also see links for the storms back in February when half of Texas froze, and more links for volunteers to help rebuild from Hurricane Maria back in 2017. LDR does not forget. And you will see a promise: 100% of your donation will go for that need. Behind that is another promise: when the needs continue,

Lutheran Disaster Response will still be there. Until the work is done.

--Allan E. Johnson

Fall Youth Plans

- Confirmation Sunday: Several of our confirmation students will be confirmed on Reformation Day, Sunday, October 31st. We are excited to celebrate their faith journey as they continue their commitment to the church and this community. Please join them at the 10:30 service and congratulate them!
 - Confirmation Retreat: Our first retreat for the year is planned for the first weekend in November, the 5th – 7th at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Over the weekend we will explore what it means to be Christian community together. The current plan is to leave from the church parking lot at 4:30 pm on Friday and return on Sunday afternoon between 3:00 and 4:00 pm. There will be lots of time for learning, socializing, and some free time for homework and relaxing over the weekend. All food and costs for this retreat are provided by the church. This is a plan we are especially holding loosely as COVID numbers rise in the area and we do not yet know what restrictions will be in place during the time of this gathering. Our priority is to ensure that students are safe and that we don't risk exposure or spread of COVID. A plan B may involve us spending just Friday evening and Saturday during the day at the church. Please let Pastor Molly know if you/your student will be attending by October 15th. She will also let families know by that date where the retreat will be held.
-

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.

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

*November - Toothbrush (child & adult), toothpaste, dental floss, denture cleaner

Freezer Meals for Pastor Andrew and Anna

Pastor Andrew, Anna, and their new baby Theo are at home and doing well! Please stop by the church office to see a family photo.

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!

Telling and Teaching the Truth: The Church's Obligation to Education about the Ongoing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery

From Churches Beyond Borders: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Anglican Church of Canada, The Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

As another school year commences, we are reminded that the educational systems we have handed down to our children often teach national narratives that perpetuate white supremacy by deleting and ignoring the histories and contributions of Indigenous People and other marginalized communities and peoples in both Canada and the United States. The ongoing legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery and the sinful acts of racism in North America are rarely if ever taught in our school systems or churches with the fullness and import that is necessary and just.

When Christians engage history with honesty, humility and a spirit of confession, it is clear that the church was and is complicit:

In the hunting and killing of Indigenous Peoples,

In the dishonorable breaking of thousands of treaties that federal governments made with First Nations and Native nations,

In the forced removal of Indigenous Peoples from their original homelands, In the relocation of Indigenous Peoples into reserves and reservations where poverty, starvation, desperation, missionization, addiction, and suicide were allowed to become the rule for generations of Indigenous people,

In the making of long-term federal policies that enforced family separation,

In the stealing of Indigenous children away to brutal assimilation camps known as Indian boarding schools in the US and residential schools in Canada,

In the ongoing plight of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls,

In the coverup of all of these evils, including through systemic efforts to erase Indigenous Peoples from our collective memory.

Scripture reminds us that the truth is costly. In Proverbs 23:23 we read, "Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding" (NRSV). Our churches' work to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery begins with the costly work of telling the truth.

Only then will we be able to start making good on our promises as churches and, together across borders, to seek truth and healing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples by:

Providing educational opportunities for all of our churches' people,

Leading advocacy efforts for legally mandated inclusion of accurate and truthful history and narratives of Indigenous people in our educational systems at all learning levels,
Standing in solidarity with residential and boarding school survivors and their descendants,
Doing the necessary research to reveal as much truth about this shameful part of our churches' histories.

We encourage you to learn about residential and boarding schools, honor survivors, and remember those who never made it home from the schools.

- Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*
 - National Bishop Susan C. Johnson, *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada*
 - Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry, *The Episcopal Church*
 - Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls, *Anglican Church of Canada*
-

ELCA Issues Declaration to American Indian and Alaska Native People

CHICAGO (Oct. 11, 2021) – As the United States pauses to honor and celebrate the Indigenous people who first settled on the land thousands of years ago, the Evangelical Church in America (ELCA) has released [“A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People.”](#) The declaration is a direct result of the social policy resolution “Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery,” which was passed by the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

In the declaration, the ELCA acknowledges the theological and Christian foundation of the Doctrine of Discovery, which has codified colonialism and religious intolerance as societal norms for more than 500 years.

“The Doctrine of Discovery created a theological framework that supported racism, colonialism, and the annihilation of Indigenous people,” the declaration states. “Today it continues to support these evils and injustices found in our church, U.S. law, and legal interpretation. The Doctrine of Discovery has been pervasive throughout the world and has benefited the Church and ELCA Lutherans in every way.”

Included in the statement is a confession to American Indian and Alaskan Native communities in the ELCA and in the United States. To those in the ELCA, the church declares, “We have devalued Indigenous religions and lifeways and have not challenged the invisibility of Indigenous people in American society.” Among other things, it confesses to treating these communities as a minority group rather than as sovereign nations and failing to do more to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery after the formal repudiation was passed in 2016.

To American Indian and Alaska Native communities in the church and in the United States, the church confesses its role in diminishing the importance of the land and acknowledges the complicity of the ELCA and its predecessors in accepting the benefits of the land stolen through numerous colonial measures and broken treaties. It further confesses to its failures in

combating white supremacy and in treating Native peoples as equals, listing the many ways in which the church needs to learn more about its harmful roles.

To the non-Indigenous communities of the ELCA, the church confesses that it has benefited from, and not acted against, the Doctrine of Discovery and has failed to proactively support the church's American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association.

The declaration concludes with a pledge to all three groups — Indigenous ELCA communities, Indigenous communities in the U.S., and non-Indigenous ELCA communities. Each pledge focuses on doing more to understand the doctrine, the church's role in perpetuating it and how to partner with Native organizations to end the harmful effects of the doctrine and become stronger advocates for Indigenous communities throughout the U.S. The declaration ends with an understanding that accomplishing its goal to actively and fully repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery will take more than words; it will take tangible action to undo the damage created since the late-15th century.

To read the full text of "A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People," [click here](#).

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!

Fortune Lake Senior Days

Senior Days at Fortune Lake – The next Senior Day at Fortune Lake will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021. The event runs from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Working together, we will prepare and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. Come and join us for a day of wonderful conversation, delicious food, and great fun! A \$10.00 donation per participant is requested. Please RSVP by the Friday before to 906 214-2267.

If you would like to go to Fortune Lake Senior Days and are in need of a ride, Messiah member Les Scheuren has offered to be a driver, and he has room for 3 people in his truck. Please contact the church office to get Les's phone number.

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Update

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth & their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged & inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The ELCA Youth Gathering is an amazing experience for high school youth and adult leaders to experience the boundless love of God.

Congregations from the Northern Great Lakes Synod are already planning for the 2022 Gathering, which will take place July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. Registration opens on September 22 & remains open through May 22, 2022, although registration prices increase on November 22 & February 22.

Thank You Messiah!

Hello, I just spoke with Terry from St. Vincent de Paul in Ishpeming and he said he spoke to someone at Messiah & they let him know that they were helping me with the remainder of my rent. I just wanted to write back to thank you for your help. You have no idea how much I appreciate this! Your kindness has really touched my heart! Thank you so much!

Much Love, Jen S.

Volunteer Training for Room at the Inn – November 2nd

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 November 2nd 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

Medication Help Available

If you have questions &/or concerns regarding your medications, you can contact retired pharmacist, Barb Salmela. Call the office to get Barb's phone number. 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.

Messiah Birthdays

Wednesday 13 Jen Elsenbroek, Erynn Messana, Tom Moyle, Brianna Weir

Thursday 14 Glenn Beckman, Mark Bergh, Jason Peterson, Steve Schinella

Friday 15 Caleb Beerman

Saturday 16 No birthdays

Sunday 17 Dawn McAuliffe

Monday 18 No birthdays

Tuesday 19 Jaime Aho, Philip Andersen

Wednesday 20 Maija Maki-Warne, Diana Peterson

Thursday 21 Debra Abraham, Cecelia Fuller, Cindy Kotila, Todd Leigh, Joe MacPhee, Cheryl

Mayer, Joan Myefski, Ron Tervo

Friday 22 Bob Groleau Sandy MacPhee

Saturday 23 No birthdays

Sunday 24 Linda Winslow

Monday 25 Aubrey Muscoe

Tuesday 26 Reid Kloet

Wednesday 27 Jamie Beauchaine, Jim Lahti

Thursday 28 Marsha Lucas

Friday 29 Jacob Larson, Andrew Peterson, Jon Ruuska

Saturday 30 Michelle Sellers

Sunday 31 Karen Kimar-Johnson

Special Events for October & November

October 16/17 Stewardship weekend

October 24 Prayer Partners at 9:45 am in Magnuson Hall

October 31 Reformation Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

November 6/7 All Saints Worship

November 25 Thanksgiving Day - church office closed

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

Ken Smith; William; Chuck; Daniel and Marcos; Ceil Aikala; 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; 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 October 13-20.

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 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Isaiah 53:4-12*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 10:35-45*

Worship Volunteers

Saturday October 16 – 5:00 pm in sanctuary

Ushers: Carol Bell

Assisting Minister: Karen Kimar-Johnson

Sunday October 17 – 8:30 am in sanctuary and on 101.9 FM, Vimeo and Facebook

Ushers: Barb Avery, David Dill

Reader: Fred Maynard

Greeters: Mike and Emily Coyne

Assisting Minister: Kathy Maynard

Sunday October 17 – 10:30 am in sanctuary and on Vimeo and Facebook

Ushers: Jean Arntsen, **one needed**

Reader: Mark Paulsen

Greeters: **two needed**

Assisting Minister: Mike Hill

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

Messiah Lutheran Church

305 W. Magnetic St.

Marquette, MI 49855

906-225-1119

906-225-5025 (fax)

Email: office@messiahlutheranmqt.org

Website: <https://www.messiahlutheranmqt.org/>

Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor:
Andrew Plocher

Associate Pastor:
Molly Eversoll

Support Staff

Parish Administrator:
Jennifer Dodge

Administrative Assistant:
Inga Banitt

Messiah Custodian:
Kevin McGrath

Parish Accountant:
Mike Hill

Financial Secretary:
Nancy Hoover

Music Staff

Music Director:
David Dagenais

Bell Choir Director:
Judy Quirk

Organist:
Kathy Strazzinski

Pianist:
Lynne Lanczy