

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for January 12, 2022

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!*



Poinsettias from Christmas Eve

If you had sponsored a poinsettia for our Christmas Eve worship services and would like to take one home, they are available for pick-up in the narthex. Please pick one up at your earliest convenience. Thank you for sponsoring these beautiful plants and helping to make our sanctuary so festive.

The Lutheran Course – Starts January 12th

Join us beginning January 12th at 6:30 pm and each Wednesday evening thereafter in room 202 for the Lutheran Course. Are you a lifelong Lutheran? Are you relatively new to Lutheranism? All are welcome! Pastor Andrew and Pastor Molly will be teaching a 7-week course in-person on the basics of what Lutherans believe and how we live out our faith. For questions contact Pastor Andrew or Pastor Molly. Please let us know if you are coming by emailing Pastor Molly at molly@messiahlutheranmq.org

February 2022 Worship Volunteers

The February Worship Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the welcome table. Please consider filling in when you can. We appreciate your help & your service. If you have any questions about the expectations of the different duties, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

There are a few remaining open roles at our 10:30 worship near the end of January. Please consider helping here too as you are able. This sign-up sheet is on the welcome table too. Thank you for considering.

New to Messiah? – January 23rd

Are you relatively new to Messiah? Know someone who is? On Sunday January 23rd between the 8:30 am and 10:30 am worship services, we'll be having a brief gathering where folks can learn more about our beloved community. We will gather from 9:45 am – 10:15 am in the Atrium. We hope you can make it! If you can't and are interested in learning more, just let the church office know and one of our pastors will reach out to you.

Saturday Evening Worship

Beginning on January 8th, our 5:00 pm worship service will be making a transition. We will gather in the Atrium instead of the sanctuary and the service will have a slightly different feel, as there will be no musician. Kathy Strazzinski has retired from being the accompanist for this service, so we are taking the opportunity to try something new and return to the original design of this worship service. We invite you to join us during this time of transition. If you have questions or feedback regarding this change, please talk with Pr. Andrew.

2021 Statements

How does the time fly by so fast? We're wrapping up yet another year and your Annual Giving Statements will be sent out by the end of January. Thank you for your gifts, pledges, and patience during this year of transition with Covid, both joys and sorrows in our world, and personal lives, along with a new church management system. Please call the office to leave a message or contact me by email with any of your donation questions or concerns.
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Messiah's 2022 Annual Report

Messiah's 2022 annual report will be printed and distributed the week prior to our annual meeting on Sunday January 30. Please submit your reports to Inga (inga@messiahlutheranmq.org) by Friday January 14. Thank you.

Pastor's Book Study in March!

No Cure for Being Human (and Other Truths I Need to Hear) written by Kate Bowler is available in the office for purchase. The cost of this book is \$20. The Book Study will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays during Lent – immediately following the evening worship service. The gathering will be approximately 30 minutes long. Please join us!

Thank you from Queen City Dance

To All at Messiah Lutheran Church,
All the members of Queen City Adult Ballet would like to thank you for giving us another opportunity to do what we love. We hope you enjoyed the performances and that they moved you during this holiday season.
We relish these opportunities to serve you all in this way!
Until we meet again, *Queen City Dance, Deborah*

Thank you Messiah Lutheran Church!

Dear Messiah Lutheran Church, Thank you for all your hours spent making those lovely crafted mittens, hats & scarves. They were given out on December 16th at our give-away to about 150 families. Thank you and God bless... Mary Lee Kirkim, coordinator on behalf of St Vincent de Paul

Office Vacancy

The Personnel Committee invites applications for the part-time Administrative Assistant position. The position will begin at 20 hours per week. Preference will be given to current members of the Messiah family. Interested candidates should plan to submit an application letter and resume to the church office by January 15th.

Rachel Circle Thanks YOU!

Messiah's Rachel Circle would like to thank you for your donations to help the clients at Great Lakes Recovery Center. Our collection box for them was very FULL! You are all so generous. We also had some Walmart gift cards donated for the children. Thank to everyone for your generosity. --*Rachel Circle*

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

With the colder weather, the OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) are now walking at the Dome on Mondays at 10:00 am. Masks are required. The Dome is open for walking; however, the schedule may fluctuate based on NMU's schedule. Please join us. Any walking speed or distance is just fine. We feel it's important to get out, get some exercise, and most importantly, to visit with others especially during this isolating time.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Louise at 906-250-3990. All are welcome, and we hope to see you soon!!

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

James Lundberg; Laura; Heather, Mike & family; the family of Ray Hirvonen who passed away; John Collins; Linda & Dan; Tom McNabb; Barry Johnson; the Williamson family; Linda; Alli Elsenbroek; Jeff; Virginia Bell; Carl; Ken; Cheryl, Kai, Gavin, Claire; David Shaver; Tobe Anderson; Ken Smith; William; Chuck; Daniel and Marcos; Mary Leslie; Richard Toyra; Shawn; Owen, Becky & Joe; Ed Puska, Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Ann Lahti; Grace Wurster; Marjorie Vidlund; Chris Heiskanen; Jamie Baril; Johnnie; Tina & her roommate; Matthew Williamson; Jim Shirtz; Wayne Hanmer; Judy Donckers; Karen Johnson; Michael Orhanen; Kristina Asta; Alison Cory; 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 call January 12, 16-19

Pastor Molly is on call January 13-15

Scripture Reading This Week – Second Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading.....Isaiah 62:1-5

Gospel Reading.....John 2:1-11

Worship Volunteers

Saturday January 15 – 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister: Karen Kimar-Johnson

Usher: Carol Bell

Sunday January 16 – 8:30 am in sanctuary & on 101.9 FM, Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Mary Lou Blomquist

Reader: Emily Coyne

Ushers: Linda Berry, Ray Jarvis

Greeters: Mike Coyne

Sunday January 16 – 10:30 am in sanctuary & on 101.9 FM, Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Molly Luty

Reader: Erik Bergh

Ushers: Mark & Vickie Paupore

Greeters: two needed

Announcements and Classified Ads

Sister City “Clean the Closet” Event - January 15

Marquette has had a Sister City relationship with Higashiomi, Japan, for over 40 years; and with Kajaani, Finland, for over 20 years. During that time, a lot of gifts have been exchanged between the cities and individuals who have visited. It's time to clean out the closets!

On Saturday, January 15, items will be made available to the community for personal or public use. These are gifts and mementos that have been donated by past delegates and are of high quality. They will not be priced, donations to the Marquette Area Sister City Partnership will be accepted and appreciated. In addition, a small group of original artwork will be available for purchase with proceeds going to the Sister Cities Guest Artist fund.

The event will take place in the lower level of the Peter White Library from 1:00 -4:00 pm on January 15. All are welcome!

--Mary Lou Blomquist, Marquette Area Sister Partnership Board, Chair

Do you have an announcement?

Send announcements and ads to Jen Dodge (jen@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.

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Kevin McGrath

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David Dagenais

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Organist:
Kathy Strazzinski

Pianist:
Lynne Lanczy