

Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Answering God's call to love

Messiah ENewsletter for January 19, 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

Join us each Wednesday evening 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@messiahlutheranmqt.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.

10:30 Projection Screens

Up until Sunday, January 9th we had projected one to two lines of text on the sanctuary screens. On Sunday, January 16th we projected more than two lines of text on the sanctuary screens. If you were here for both Sundays, please let us know which projection type you prefer. We are looking for feedback on this. Thank you for your input. We will continue with multiple lines of text on the projection screens this weekend too, January 23rd.

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.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday January 30th, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. Printed annual reports will be available on the Welcome Table (just outside the

church office) beginning the weekend of January 22nd-23rd. The agenda for the meeting will include receiving the annual report, election of council and committee members, and the approval of the 2022 budget.

Homemade Jams

There is a new selection of jam in the atrium, it was made fresh this fall. Please take a moment to check them out when you are in the building.

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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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 which starts at 6:30 pm. The gathering will be approximately 30 minutes long. Please join us!

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; 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; 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; 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 19, 23-26

Pastor Molly is on call January 20-22

Scripture Reading This Week – Third Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading..... Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Gospel Reading..... Luke 4:14-21

Worship Volunteers

Saturday January 22 – 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister: Chris Kotila

Usher: Clare Sauer

Sunday January 23 – 8:30 am in sanctuary & on 101.9 FM, Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Al Edgar

Reader: Fred Maynard

Ushers: Cathy Seblonka, Bruce Robertson

Greeters: Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Sunday January 23 – 10:30 am in sanctuary & on 101.9 FM, Vimeo & Facebook

Assisting Minister: Mike Hill

Reader: Ruth Robb

Ushers: **two needed**

Greeters: Liz Beyne, **one needed**

Announcements and Classified Ads

Bay Cliff Hiring for Summer Positions!

Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay is now hiring for all positions for summer 2022. We are seeking camp counselors, activities instructors, leadership staff, and professional and support staff. For more information, or to apply online, go to www.baycliff.org. Dates of employment for most roles are June 12-August 7, 2022.

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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Associate Pastor - Molly Eversoll

Office Staff

Parish Administrator - Jennifer Dodge

Parish Accountant - Mike Hill

Financial Secretary - Nancy Hoover

Messiah Custodian - Kevin McGrath

Music Staff

Music Director - David Dagenais

Bell Choir Director - Judy Quirk

Organist - Kathy Strazzinski

Pianist - Lynne Lanczy