

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

(with Nursery)

Sunday 10:30 am

(with Nursery)

8:30 am broadcast on 101.9 fm & livestream on facebook at
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July 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Flowers: To the Glory of God & In Loving Memory of ...

- * Jan Summersett on her August 2nd birthday from her family
- * Lowell R. Johnson from Helen Johnson

Radio: To the Glory of God...

- * from Bill & Barb Anderson

Livestream: To the Glory of God...

- * from Ilene Mattson

Dear People of Messiah,

I realized, now that it is August, that it has been just about one year since we opened back up for in person worship and one year since we welcomed our asylum-seeking family. Wow! It has been a full year to say the least. Not only with our family, but with working hard to return to our normal sense of worship, activities, and community within our church. There have been some downs, but so many ups and I am so grateful for how far we have come this summer.

The other week we had a meeting with some ecumenical siblings to ask for their help with our family and shared with them all that we have done and worked hard on to help aid our asylum family. Recounting it reminded me of how full this year has been, and I thought this would be a nice place to reshare the journey because although so many of you have lived it with us, when you hear just how much has happened, it's phenomenal.

As you know, Messiah's commitment to refugees and asylum seekers began way before I came to Messiah, and truthfully, before I was born, with the Vietnamese family that was sponsored in the 1970's and who now live primarily in California. Then Jen Elsenbroek led the confirmation kids in an AMMPARO (accompaniment of migrant minors with protection advocacy, resources, and opportunities) confirmation curriculum and they asked the council to be an AMMPARO congregation. After that the AMMPARO task force began a time of learning and praying. Some immigration experts from NMU and Lutheran Refugee Services came to speak with us. We then went on the Border Trip to Las Cruces, NM and El Paso, TX in March of 2020. Fast forward to spring of 2021, some folks from the trip and the original AMMPARO task force started attending zoom meetings through the Episcopal Mi-

grant Ministries and had an idea: we couldn't support a refugee (because of our distance from Milwaukee) but we could welcome an asylum-seeking family. So, we began exploring what that would look like. Turns out, it meant that we would need to provide everything – housing, food, transportation, medical care, lawyers, etc. It sounded like a huge undertaking, but the team was committed. After we had a couple of our ducks in a row, we reached out to EMM to see what this could potentially look like for us, and surprise!!! the Holy Spirit thought that we were ready. There was a family in need, and we felt God calling us to say yes.

It has been a Holy Spirit filled year. When we began, Erik Bergh, our then council president, said that all we needed to do was trust the Holy Spirit. Unsurprisingly, he was right! Throughout the year we have seen the Holy Spirit at work: when a translator was needed, two new members appeared with the right gifts; when we had no money, you were generous; when we needed housing, a gracious member offered a place in their home; when doctors and dentists were needed, community members offered their time and services; and so many other stories just like this. God has been at work in every moment of this journey and with our family and all the people who have helped along the way.

The members of the task force and volunteers that have helped have been the most committed, resourceful, and tenacious people I have ever met. They have given their all to our family. They have loved them and supported them every step of the way through meetings with ICE and lawyers, navigating the school system, English lessons, violin lessons, guitar lessons, band performances, hockey games, shopping trips, doctor and dentist appointments, fun outings, and above all showing love to our family. Every moment has been a blessing and we are blessed to be a blessing to this wonderful family.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To everyone who has helped, prayed, and given toward this work, you have revealed just how committed we as a congregation are to loving our neighbors as ourselves. Yet the work continues, and we are now at a point when we need more help and support from you. First, I would like to ask for your prayers for our family and their asylum hearing in September and prayers for their family members who are also hoping to seek asylum. Second, I would like to ask for you to consider continuing to or, if you haven't before, giving to the asylum fund. There are some expenses that are forthcoming and again we need your generosity. Third, if you are interested in volunteering to help with the family, please contact the church office, we need you!

For me, this has been such a blessing of ministry, so energizing, and I have never seen the Holy Spirit quite so active. It has nourished my faith this past year. Thank you for making this happen!

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Molly

Messiah Calendar

Monday, August 1

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am OWLs Walk
12:00 pm Days for Girls
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday, August 2

10:30 am Pericope
11:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm QiGong (zoom)

Wednesday, August 3

6:00 pm Community Meal

Thursday, August 4

9:00 am Quilting
10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study
4:00 pm Asylum Task Force
5:00 pm Building & Grounds

Friday, August 5

3:00 pm Sail On Singers

Saturday, August 6

11:00 am Home Communion
Training
1:30 pm Nancy Peterson's
Visitation at Swanson
Funeral Home
2:30 pm Nancy Peterson's
Funeral Service at
Swanson Funeral Home
5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, August 7

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Worship-Traditional
10:30 am Worship-Contemporary

Worship @ the Beach

Dates: August 14 & September 4

Time: 10:30 am

By popular demand, we invite you to join us one Sunday a month for 10:30 am worship at Clark Lambros beach! We'll sing a few hymns and enjoy worshipping together on the shore of Lake Superior. Please bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. If the weather is terrible, we will meet in the sanctuary instead (please check Facebook or our website if you have questions the day of the scheduled worship).

Also, please note that there will not be a 10:30 service in the sanctuary on these three Sundays – just the one at the beach. Hope to see you there!

Community Meal - August 3

Please plan to come to our August 3rd community meal. This will be a nice together sharing food & enjoying fellowship. It will be promptly served at 6:00 pm in Magnuson Hall. We look forward to seeing you!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

During August & September WRW Circle will be collecting donations of school supplies for LWR School Kits. These kits are sent to children in need in our country & around the world.

A bin is available in the narthex for your donations. We also welcome cash contributions. Thank you for your help! The following items are needed:

- 70-sheet notebooks, wide- or college-ruled
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- Pencil sharpener
- 30 cm ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one edge and inches on the other
- Fiskars-type kids' scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 2 1/2" Pink Pearl-type eraser

Assistance Fund Update

As of June 30, we have distributed \$15,061.58 to neighbors in need. This puts us on track for another year of \$30,000 plus as funds are available. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

In The Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pr. Molly Eversoll & Pr. Andrew Plocher would like to visit you when you are there. If you are unable to notify Messiah, please ask a family member to do so.

On Call

Pr. Andrew Plocher: August 1-3, 7-9, 24, 28-31
Pr. Molly Eversoll: August 4-6, 10-23, 25-27

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our September newsletter is Monday August 25, 2022.

Messiah's Newsletter

July 31, 2022
Volume 104, Issue 8

Articles for
Weekly Announcements
are due by 6:00 pm
each Wednesday

Messiah's Birthdays

August 2022

Monday 1	Jamie Dodge
Tuesday 2	Fiona Fitzpatrick, Emma LeDuc, Kirsten Matthews, Dick Oslund
Wednesday 3	Mary Duranceau
Thursday 4	Holly Muscoe, Susanne Smith
Friday 5	Cameron Contois
Saturday 6	Jayme Bell, Larry Brunton, Jill Luoma, Ken Skytta
Sunday 7	Renee Jewett
Monday 8	Dick Goodney
Tuesday 9	Ally Anderson, Karen Burkman, Michael Campana, Ruth Robb
Wednesday 10	Carl Beyne, Jan Brown, Peter Claybaker, Adrienne Wolf
Thursday 11	Jeremy Braund, Landric Braund, Ann Johnson
Friday 12	No birthdays
Saturday 13	Daphne Greenwood, Justin Wild
Sunday 14	Max Larson, Sara Morrison
Monday 15	Lou Ann Balding, Alexis Hammerstrom, Gordon Peterson
Tuesday 16	Kayleigh Beaudoin, Brenda Blett
Wednesday 17	Jessica Flurette, Della Slavsky
Thursday 18	Oliver Davis, Ann Lahti, Les Scheuren
Friday 19	Elise Busick, Matthew Haydon, Kelley Mahar, Michael Orhanen, Patty Stevens
Saturday 20	Jim Nebel, Kyle Smith
Sunday 21	Dave Carlson
Monday 22	No birthdays
Tuesday 23	Sherri Cherry, Karen Eldevick, Laura Petrie
Wednesday 24	No birthdays
Thursday 25	Grayson Beaudoin, Lois LaBrecque, Louis Myefski

Friday 26	Jim Lahti
Saturday 27	Jaime Davis, Sue Feldhauser, Pat Nebel, Phillip Pfannenstiel
Sunday 28	Dave Boehlke
Monday 29	Helen Lord Anderson, Julie Groleau, Kathy Peters, Bruce Robertson
Tuesday 30	Mike Coyne
Wednesday 31	Karen Beauchamp, Mark Paupore

Confirmation

Confirmation families, please mark your calendars for the following dates:

- **October 8th** (Those being confirmed on the 30th should be in attendance)
- **December 3rd**
- **February 25th**
- **Late April/ Early May** (We will be checking with Fortune Lake to organize a weekend retreat. We will let you know the date as soon as is possible.)

All confirmation retreats throughout the next year will be held from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm with lunch and snacks provided at the church in Magnuson Hall, except for our last retreat date, which will hopefully be held throughout the weekend at Fortune Lake Camp.

Confirmation is open to kids who have completed 5th grade through high school.

In order for your student to be confirmed they need to have regularly attended confirmation for three years.

Virtual Worship

Messiah's 8:30 am worship is broadcast on the radio at Sunny 101.9 FM. The two Sunday morning services (8:30 & 10:30 am) can be found online at the following sites: *Vimeo* - vimeo.com/messiahlutheranmq

Facebook - www.facebook.com/messiahlutheranmq

When you are worshipping with us from home/online, know that you can find a PDF copy of both the 8:30 & 10:30 am bulletins on our website. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please call the church office.

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.

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Leesa; Gordon Peterson & family upon the passing of his wife, Nancy Peterson; Jesse Wright; Marina Grettenberger; Pat Lelvis; Marshall Lovan; Arlene Rajala; Bromley; Peter; Kristina Asta; Alli & Johan Elsenbroek; John; Jeff Bruning; Bob; Les Scheuren; Sandy Grenke; Leah Rodda; Brenda Blett; John Collins; Susan & David Shaver; Ken Smith; Chuck; Daniel & Marcos; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Ann Lahti; Marjorie Vidlund; Chris Heiskanen; Jamie Baril; Tina & her roommate; Matthew & Ernest Williamson; Jim Shirtz; Wayne Hanmer; Judy Donckers; Karen Johnson; Michael Orhanen; Sierra; Charlene Avery

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!

Messiah's Intern - Jen Elsenbroek

Dear Messiah, Thank you for your support during my internship. I am grateful to everyone for their guidance and acceptance. As a Deacon candidate, focusing on Pastoral Care, I am learning so much. I am also aware that none of us accomplish anything on our own! I am thrilled to be walking this path WITH Messiah.

During the month of August, I am looking forward to training members of our church to visit our wonderful homebound members, bringing them Communion. I am reaching out to a few people, but please let me know if you feel called to visit homebound members. I will be meeting with people on August 6 or 13 to give instructions to those of you who would like to join this fantastic ministry. I can also make arrangements to meet with you privately if those times are not possible for you.

Another ministry I will be beginning is a Grief Processing Group. We will be meeting at 7:00 in room 202. I will be using a book called "A Time to Mourn & A Time to Dance" by Jennifer Ohman-Rodriguez. However, reading the book is optional. Although grief groups are often held for people who have lost a loved one through death, this group is open to anyone experiencing loss. This group will begin on August 16. We will then be meeting each Tuesday for 7 weeks.

I am working on restarting befrienders. My goal is to start sometime in September.

Please hold the clients I am working with at Great Lakes in your prayers. Great Lakes appreciates Messiah!

Once again, thank you for all your support,
Jen Elsenbroek [jenelsenbroek@messiahlutheranmqt.org or (906)202-2657]

Lectionary Readings - August 2022

August 7 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading Genesis 15:1-6
Gospel Luke 12:32-40

August 14 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading Jeremiah 23:23-29
Gospel Luke 12:49-56

August 21 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14
Gospel Luke 13:10-17

August 28 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading Proverbs 25:6-7
Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

Confirmation Sunday- October 30

Families of confirmation students, your student will be confirmed on Sunday, October 30th at the 10:30 service. If your student is eligible to be confirmed, they will receive a letter from the pastors with further details.

If you have any questions about confirmation, please contact Pastor Molly at molly@messiahlutheranmqt.org

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.

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OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Please join the OWLS on Mondays at 10:00 am to walk at Mattson (Lower Harbor) Park. We meet near the ice cream store adjacent to the parking lot. If the weather turns nasty, the dome is usually open for walking, too, and we can walk there. Take along your coffee or tea and a snack for yourself, and we can sit and visit at the picnic tables after walking. Any walking speed or distance is just fine. There is always someone to walk along with you, and you are welcome to bring along a friend. If you have any questions, feel free to call or text Louise at 906-250-3990. All are welcome, and we hope to see you soon!

Passages

In Celebration of:

* the baptism of Liam Boehlke on July 10th. Liam is the son of Dave & Jessica Boehlke and little brother to Lucas.

* the baptism of Andrew Vigneau on July 10th. He is the son of Anna & Amanda Vigneau.

In Sympathy to:

* to Anne Weaver & family upon the passing of her husband Bill. His funeral was at Messiah on July 25th.

* to Gordon Peterson & family upon the passing of his wife Nancy. Her funeral will be held at Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral Home on Saturday, August 6th with Visitation at 1:30 pm and the funeral service at 2:30 pm.

* to the Dault family upon the passing of Ross Dault.

Drivers Needed

It has been a wonderful experience accompanying our Honduran family as they continue to work towards receiving permanent asylum status in the United States. We are in need of a few additional drivers to help the family with grocery shopping or to get them to medical and dental appointments. If you haven't had a chance to meet them or talk to them at length, this would be a great opportunity to get to know them better. They are fun to be with and they are working hard on their English!

Please contact Inga Banitt inga.banitt@gmail.com or call the church office at 225-1119 if you are interested or if you have any questions. We will need to get your permission to run a background check in advance. Thank you!

Jams are Back!

2022 jam making has begun with strawberry season. Check out the variety which will change as more fruit is processed. No price increase and the few 2021 jams are now half price.

Fortune Lake News

Musical tickets on sale now

We've been waiting over three years for this opportunity, and it's finally here! Tickets are now on sale for our "One Wonderful Day" original musical and the catered meal to follow. The one-time performance is set to take place at the historic Crystal Theatre in downtown Crystal Falls on Saturday, August 6 at 3:00 p.m. CT. A meal will follow beginning at 5:30 p.m. CT at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Tickets are required for each event. Show tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Meal tickets are \$15 per person. Once purchased, tickets can be picked up from the Fortune Lake Camp office or from the will call desk on the day of the event. To purchase tickets, go to www.fortunelake.org.

Summer Camping times still available

There are still some open slots for campers in August.

Mini Week (August 7-10, 2022) – For grades 2-3. Experience three awesome nights at camp! Soak in all the fun of Fortune Lake while making new friends and sharing adventures.

Villager Half Week (August 7-10, 2022) – For grades 3-4. With opportunities for swimming, boating, playing games, a beach party, and singing songs, campers will stay active from morning until night! A half week as a Villager helps children grow in faith, build friendships, gain confidence, and learn independence.

Venturer Half Week (August 7-10, 2022) – For grades 7-8. Fortune Lake provides exactly what junior high campers need: adventure, challenge, acceptance, and time to grapple with deep questions of faith in the midst of having fun!

For more information or to register, go to www.fortunelake.org.

Novel Written by Liam Ulland-Joy

Liam Ulland-Joy's first science fiction novel, Forsaken City, will be released this summer! To celebrate, we are having a book launch party on Tuesday, August 16th, 6:00-8:00 pm at the Presque Isle Pavilion (light refreshments will be served). To read more about Liam's first book or to order, please go to <https://author-liam-ulland-joy.square.site/> or email ironspirestrilogy@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Subscribe to Messiah's ENewsletter

Messiah publishes an electronic newsletter every Wednesday which is sent to subscribers via email. Receiving the ENews is a good way to stay abreast of church news and activities. If you are interested in subscribing, contact Jen at Messiah's office. And, you can access the ENews through Messiah's website. Click on "News" at the top of the homepage, then click on "ENewsletter." Then you'll be able to click on links for the most recent E-newsletters.

Marquette Area MOPS

- Hear Ye, Hear Ye! We have two new Coordinators for our 2022-23 MOPS season: Renee Jewett & Jocelyn Mattson. Thanks for stepping up ladies!
- Save The Date for our MOPS Open House: Thursday, August 18 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Messiah, in Magnuson Hall. Tell a friend, bring your children, get information, register for our group events starting in September. Scholarships are available.
- Our meetings have changed this year to the 1st Thursday of each month, Sept - May, from 5:30-7:00 pm at Messiah.

--- Nancy Hoover, MOPS Mentor and Membership & Financial Coordinator

Flower Delivery in August

Most months during the year our Circle group members deliver our altar flowers each Sunday to someone who could use some cheering up, or maybe it is their birthday or anniversary. They take a break from doing this in the month of July & August. We are looking for individuals or couples who might like to deliver both altar flower arrangements to two different people or households on a Sunday afternoon following our 10:30 worship. The office staff will give you their names, addresses & phone numbers.

August 14 & 28 are still open if you would like to help in this way. Many people that do deliver the flowers, find it to be a rewarding experience.

Radio Broadcast, Flowers & Livestream Sponsorship

We are in need of sponsors for upcoming radio broadcasts, flowers & livestreaming. If this is something you would like to support, please let the office know what you would like written for your sponsorship. you can reach us by phone at 225-1119 or email at office@messiahlutheranmqt.org. The cost of the Radio Broadcast or Livestream sponsorship is \$110. The cost of flower sponsorship is \$20.

Keep in mind, you can sponsor any of these three in memory or in honor of a loved one.

QiGong/Tai Chi – Diana Magnuson

Zoom QiGong Exercises for fall prevention, core strength and joint health, Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Thursdays 1:30-2:00 pm –Diana Magnuson 906-362-9386 / magnusondiana@gmail.com

Sunday School

We are very excited to start Sunday School for the coming year, however, if we are going to make it happen, we need your help! We are looking for a Sunday School Coordinator. This person would help to organize the curriculum and make sure that teachers are scheduled throughout the year. It is a paid position with an average of 3-5 hours each week. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact the church office.

We will also be asking for you to help as a teacher. Our hope for the coming year is to make it manageable for you to be a Sunday School teacher while also recognizing that this has historically been a very big ask. We would like to have teachers rotate throughout the year and take on 1-2 months. Sunday School will take place from the Sunday after Rally Sunday through May. This means that there will be eight months with two teachers needed for each month based upon our attendance throughout the past year. If you are interested, please contact the church office, or speak with one of the Pastors.

Parents, please look for Sunday School sign-up happening in August via Google Form!

UP Wild - August Events

August 11: Hazel's Hike for kids and families, Sugarloaf Mountain 6:00 pm

August 20: Wilderness Walk, Wetmore Pond 3:30 pm

August 28: Nature Prayer Service at Presque Isle Band Shell 4:00 pm

You may visit the Wild UP website for any further information at: www.upwild.org

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.

***August** - Baby Wipes & diapers in sizes 1-5

***September** - Deodorant - Male or Female

Financial Secretary Corner

While mailing out your six month statements, I noticed some of the electronic donations were not applied to your pledge. We had a manual process in place that apparently wasn't failproof. Apologies for any inconvenience; we are working on making the updates. If I caught yours before mailing, a note was inserted to inform you. More were found after the mailing, however, feel free to call or email me if you noticed this on your statement and did not receive notification.

-- Nancy Hoover, Financial Secretary, Messiah.NancyH@gmail.com

Public Reception for Japanese Diplomat - August 4th

The Marquette Area Sister City Partnership will host Consul General of Japan, Yusuke Shindo & his wife, Mrs. Seiko Shindo, on August 3rd & 4th. A public reception is planned for August 4th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the Sister City Room and Huron Gallery rooms of the Peter White Library. Everyone is cordially invited to welcome the guests as we celebrate 43 years of friendship between Marquette & Higashiomi, Japan.

For more information contact Mary Lou Blomquist (906) 221-1888.

An Update on Luz y Vida

Luz y Vida is Messiah's companion congregation in Colombia.

One of the tasks of Messiah's Global Mission team is connecting with our companion congregations in Tanzania and Colombia and keeping our Messiah community informed on how they are doing. Communication with both congregations has been challenging during the pandemic, but we did receive a recent update from Kaitlynnne Larson who is working in Colombia. Kaitlynnne is a recent seminary graduate and is accompanying the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Colombia (IELCO). She works with the program Justicia y Vida, a program of IELCO which promotes the protection and education of human rights and works toward the reconciliation of peace following the 50-year civil war, and the signing of the 2016 peace accord. Kaitlynnne is in the process of ordination with the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA. The IELCO and ELCA are supporting her call and process, and she will be able to do an internship at a local congregation in Bogotá.

Kaitlynnne emailed us on July 5 and at that time she had not yet visited Luz y Vida. However she has been in contact with Daneyssa Alvarez, a young woman who is a member of that congregation and who was hired by IELCO in 2018 to coordinate the program Projecting My Future for young girls in Caracoli, which is the neighborhood where Luz y Vida is located.

Kaitlynnne writes:

I'm sorry to hear that with all that has happened over these last years, there has been a disruption with your communication with Luz y Vida. Honestly, I have so much empathy because the disruption is something we are all feeling. I feel so many things fell apart during the last few years and I am slowly getting back into contact with certain people and things.

So I have not visited Luz y Vida yet, but I spoke with Daynesa Alvarez, she lives in Caracoli and works with the program Asivida, Semillas de Esperanza (Seeds of Hope), which is a project that combined Asivida and the project Proyectandome a un Futuro (Projecting into the Future). Her leadership and work now with the IELCO are a result of the presence of the community Luz y Vida in Caracoli.

Daynesa shared that Luz y Vida was closed during the pandemic for all of 2020, so there were no in-person activities. They did have some virtual workshops/activities, but those were not the same as the in-person activities.

In 2021, she and the other leaders of the project Asivida, Semillas de Esperanza, went every two months to hold activities in Luz y Vida, and still did some virtual gatherings. In 2021, the project Proyectandome a un Futuro (Projecting into the Future) was combined with Asivida, Semillas de Esperanza and so they held a closing celebration in Luz y Vida.

She shared that many of the young children are having family problems. There are a lot of families with parents/adult caretakers who are aggressive with the kids, and there are a few parents who are sick, and a lot of single moms who are alone trying to support 5 or 6 kids.

She shared that last year they had to change the roof of the building because it was causing a problem with the neighbor. They were able to change the roof so that it was no longer causing problems with the neighbor, but they didn't have enough money to finish the full project/they had to make some shortcuts and now they are having a little water leakage. But she said the big deal is that the building is no longer affecting the neighbor and that's a really good thing.

They said really the only expenses they have currently, other than the roof, is for public services, like energy (light) and water, taxes on the building, cleanings of the building (they do once in awhile) and basic materials (like soap).

She shared that last week the project had a workshop with women, about self care, and the women were able to have their psychological visits as well before/after the workshop and this helped a lot. [I'll input here that I went over the self-care workshop with the team of Asivida, Semillas de Esperanza because I was writing some devotionals for them, and it is an incredibly beautiful workshop. It's about teaching women empowerment; teaching them to follow themselves, and see themselves with the same love and grace that God sees us.]

All are welcome to be part of Messiah's Global Mission team. Please contact Judy Quirk or Inga Banitt if you are interested.

August 2022 Worship Volunteers

Saturday August 6 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Kathy Godec
Communion Assistant 1 Marina Grettenberger

Sunday August 7- 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Kathy Maynard
Reader 1 Judy Quirk
Ushers 2 Al & Gail Edgar
Communion Assts 3 Beth Krznarich, Terry Langenberg, Kathy Maynard
Greeters 2 Darlene Martin, Helen Steinhoff

Sunday August 7 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Jen Elsenbroek
Reader 1 Nancy Hamlin
Ushers 2 Jon & Inga Banitt
Communion Assts 3 Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman
Greeters 2 Dave & Nancy Skoog
Projection Technician 1

Saturday August 13 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Christ Kotila
Communion Assistant 1 ONE NEEDED

Sunday August 14 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Jen Bleckiner
Reader 1 Larry Pagel
Ushers 2 Linda Berry, Ray Jarvis
Communion Assts 3 Beth Krznarich, TWO NEEDED
Greeters 2 Sherry Labbe, ONE NEEDED

Sunday August 14 - 10:30 am BEACH WORSHIP

Usher (hand out bulletins) 1 ONE NEEDED
Attendance Sign-In 1 ONE NEEDED

Saturday August 20 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Karen- Kimar Johnson
Communion Assistant 1 ONE NEEDED

Sunday August 21 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Grant Soltwisch
Reader 1 Brenda Blett
Ushers 2 Barb Avery, Bruce Robertson
Communion Assts 3 Beth Krznarich, Grant Soltwisch, Terry Langenberg
Greeters 2 Ruth Koehler, ONE NEEDED

Sunday August 21 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Mark Paulsen
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 3 Sandy Lindberg
Greeters 2 Sandy Lindberg
Projection Technician 1

Saturday August 27 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Brenda Blett
Communion Assistant 1 ONE NEEDED

Sunday August 28 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Larry Pagel
Reader 1 Fred Maynard
Ushers 2 Linda Berry, Bruce Robertson
Communion Assts 3 Beth Krznarich, Kathy Maynard, Fred Maynard
Greeters 2 Joan Tasson, Jan Vickstrom

Sunday August 28 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 3 Sandy Lindberg
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1

Messiah's Church Staff:**Pastoral Staff:**

Senior Pastor.....Andrew Plocher
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