

# Messiah

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Answering God's call to love

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## Messiah ENewsletter for May 8, 2024

On the web... go to [messiahlutheranmqt.org](http://messiahlutheranmqt.org) for more information about our congregation and "like" us on Facebook to receive updates and information there.

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*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!*



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### Brookridge Worship Today!

Please join us for worship at 1:30 pm today at Brookridge Heights. Everyone is welcome!

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### Upcoming Events – May

May 8	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
May 9	Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm
May 12	Last Day of Sunday School – Music Rehearsal
May 14	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
May 15	Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
May 16	Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm
May 17	Male Chorus Concert at Messiah at 7:30 pm
May 18	Synod Assembly
May 18	No 5:00 pm worship
May 19	One service at 10:30 am (no 8:30 am worship)
May 19	Sunday School performance during 10:30 am worship
May 21	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
May 21	Book study at 7:00 pm
May 22	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
May 23	Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm
May 24	Superior Handbells Concert at 7:00 pm at Messiah
May 26	Last day to sign up for Suppers for Six
May 27	Memorial Day – church office closed
May 28	Centering Prayer at 11:00 am
May 30	Centering Prayer at 5:30 pm
May 31	Light the Fire for Fortune Lake at Prince of Peace at 7:30 pm

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## Suppers for Six

Sign up now for the next round of Suppers for Six! This is an intergenerational opportunity to dine with and make new friends within Messiah's community. Anyone is welcome, including children (but only adults factor into the 6 so our kiddos are a bonus). Please sign up by May 26th on the welcome table outside of the office. Your pastors will contact you via email the last week in May with your groups. From there, your group decides when you meet and what you eat. For the summer we recommend a potluck at the beach or in the park! See Pastor Molly with any questions.

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## Centering Prayer Group

There are two opportunities to meet together each week: during the day on Tuesdays, from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm or in the early evening on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 pm. A short intro to

the method will precede each meeting. So feel free to come at anytime. Each meeting stands on its own. Meetings will take place at Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church. All are welcome. *For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*

- - Matthew 18:20

What is centering prayer? Centering prayer is a Christian form of meditation. Instead of talking to God, who already knows all things and all of our needs, it is a form of listening. The practice has simple steps:

The choosing of a sacred word, as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.

Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.

When engaged with your thoughts, (and "thoughts" include body sensations, feelings, images, and reflections) return ever-so-gently to the sacred word.

At the end of the prayer period remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

After our period of centering prayer, when hearts are more open to inspiration, we will have a reading to ponder. (Lectio Divina)

Resources to learn more: *"Invitation to Love," "Open Mind, Open Heart," by Thomas Keating* *"Into the Silent Land" by Martin Laird* and *"The Path of Centering Prayer" by David Frenette.*

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## **Reminder about Jam**

New 2024 jam will be appearing soon – so let's clear the shelves to make room!

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## **What's Your Fifty?**

This year we celebrate 50 years of ELCA World Hunger serving people around the world. It is one of most important ministries of our church. Our Synod has chosen a 50/50 theme this year, with our contributions being split between the national church and a local food related ministry, chosen by our congregation. We are also urged to think about the "50 OMETHINGS" in our own lives that we are thankful for and worth celebrating.

Please join in this effort to support ELCA World Hunger as we help to fund projects in our own country and more than 65 countries around the world. All funds raised during the month of May will be joined with other congregations' offerings at the Synod Assembly and sent to the ELCA. Please label your gifts, "Synod World Hunger offering" and bring them in during the month of May to be included in this fund drive.

If you are willing to share your "FIFTY SOMETHING" add it to the list in the notebook on the table by the office, if you have a suggestion for a local hunger related ministry, add it to the

basket on the same table.

The Global Mission Team

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### **Messiah Book Discussion - Apeirogon by Colum McCann**

Join a discussion of the novel Apeirogon by Colum McCann. This book tells an epic story rooted in the real-life friendship between two men united by loss. Balsam is Palestinian and Rami is Israeli.

They inhabit a world of conflict that colors every aspect of their daily lives. If you, like me, have been struggling to understand the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, this novel will have a profound impact on you. The discussion will occur on Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Messiah's atrium. Copies of the book are available at Snowbound Books for \$19.00.

Betsy Little, facilitator.

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### **Light the Fire for Fortune Lake**

You are invited to a campfire site near you to Light the Fire for Fortune Lake!

Friday, May 31 at 6:30 pm CT / 7:30 pm ET at a location near you or online.

The Board of Directors invites you to Light the Fire for Fortune Lake, a community-centered evening of friends, family, faith, and fellowship around the campfire as we raise funds for Fortune Lake. We are excited to kick off the summer camp season and to celebrate the work of God through our beloved camp. All are welcome and there is no fee to participate. There will be an invitation to donate in support of Summer Camp at Fortune Lake.

Seven different locations will host simultaneous campfire events.

\*Bethany Lutheran Church in Norway, MI

\*Faith Lutheran Church in Three Lakes, WI

\*Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, MI

\*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chassell, MI

\*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI

\*Zion Lutheran Church in Ironwood, MI

\*Zion Lutheran Church in Marinette, WI

\*Facebook LIVE – get a glimpse of ALL of the campfires from Anywhere!

Site hosts are busy preparing for you. If you're joining in person, please bring an outdoor chair or blanket to sit on.

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## **Colombia Delegation 2024!**

We're excited to share that a small group from our congregation will be visiting our siblings in Christ in Bogota from June 21 - July 2! Due to the pandemic, Messiah has not sent a group to Colombia since 2018 and it is time to rekindle those relationships, reconnect with the congregation of Luz y Vida, and to share meals and conversation as we share our experiences of these past 6 years. We hope that this will begin a return of rhythmic accompaniment visits, bringing visitors here (like Pr. Jairo, Ana, and Johanna who came in 2019) and sending groups of us there. This year the initial group will be Pr. Andrew, Jeanne Groos, and Anna & Justin Wild. The group plans to present to the congregation in July after their return.

There are two ways that you can assist this group: 1) please pray for them as they prepare and travel! And, 2) they will be collecting school supplies to take to some of the programs run by the Lutheran congregations in Bogota. More details and a list of supplies will be available in the coming weeks (please check the weekly announcements and eNews).

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## **Calling All VBS Volunteers!**

Vacation Bible School will be held the last week in June, the 24th – 28th from 8:45 am – 12:00 pm. Pastor Molly is looking for a variety of volunteers with different abilities. Are you a musician, do you like helping to prepare food, decorate, or, of course, work with children? There will be a position for everyone and plenty to do. So, contact Pastor Molly if you feel called to help.

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## **OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Weekly Walk**

The OWLS are now walking at Mattson Park in the lower harbor on Mondays at 10am. We meet by the bathrooms there. Walk at your own pace. After walking the group goes to Provisions to continue visiting. If you cannot walk just come for coffee/tea. The Dome will not be available for walking this summer due to construction. Questions? Please call Betsy at 906 345-9237.

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## **The New Free Store Donations**

The New Free Store is an inter-faith, non-profit group supporting people who express a need for free clothing, linens, hygiene & cleaning supplies. Anyone in need is welcome. Free things are offered as "in God's economy three is always enough." There is a collection bin in our

narthex at Messiah for The New Free Store. They are currently collecting:

\***May** - Diapers - size 3-6 & Baby Wipes

\***June** – Male/Female Razors, Hand Sanitizer

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## **Vacation Bible School 2024: Seekers in Sneakers**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 am – 12:00 pm**

Grab your sneakers because this year's Vacation Bible School will embark on the theme of Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus! Every day kids will gather for songs, worship, and Bible stories with the extra fun of using geocaching methods in all our activities. Kids will travel around the church with their shepherd playing active games, learning about Jesus, enjoying a fun snack, and doing science activities or creating art. This five-day Vacation Bible School is sure to be energetic and fun-filled, so register today on Messiah's website – [messiahlutheranmqt.org](http://messiahlutheranmqt.org)! Registration will end on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

For questions, contact Pr. Molly Hunter.

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## **Zoom QiGong**

Zoom QiGong for Health & Wellness, Balance & Fall Prevention. Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm – Diana Magnuson 906-362-9386/ [magnusondiana@gmail.com](mailto:magnusondiana@gmail.com)

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## **Messiah Birthdays**

May 8	Adelyn Davis, Thomas Matthews, Clare Sauer
May 9	No birthdays
May 10	Mark Sellers
May 11	Susan Hewitt, Sherry Mattson
May 12	Sharon Arntsen, Sondra Cryderman
May 13	Madison Balding, Anna Zimmer
May 14	Traci Busick, Chris Kotila, Scott Krah
May 15	John Collins, Romel Celaro
May 16	No birthdays
May 17	Tom Bronken
May 18	Dale Alanko, Leslie Jarvi, Ken Vickstrom
May 19	Karen Oslund, Nancy Raisanen, Dave Skoog
May 20	Elmer Moisio, Joshua Sundman
May 21	Marianne Brugman, Ralph Christensen, Ron Hill, Kiera Summersett
May 22	Ricky Orhanen, Barb Salmela

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## **In the Hospital**

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

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## **In Our Prayers**

Jan Brown; Fred Maynard; Betsy; Marsha Lucas; Karen; John & Rose Collins; Rick Castillo; Susan Shaver; Ruth Koehler; Don Hillegas; Grant; Kai Dolan; Samantha; Carl & Liz Beyne; Phyllis Champion; Ted; Bruce Lindberg; Betty; Grace Chien; Jamie; Emma; Judy Donckers; Jon Kamps; Donna; Brian; Ben; Sandy Grenke; John Kiltinen; Kathy; Evelyn; Akira Carlson; Karen Eldevick; Grace; Shannon; Billy & Kathy S.; Lu Swanson; Leesa; Jesse Wright; Marshall Lovan; Peter; David Shaver; Ken Smith; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Tina; Williamson family; Wayne Hanmer; Karen Johnson; Sierra; Charlene Avery

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## **Pastor on Call:**

Pastor Andrew is on call May 8, 14-15

Pastor Molly is on call May 9-13

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## **Worship Volunteers**

### **Saturday, May 11 -- 5:00 pm in atrium**

Assisting Minister: Chris Kotila

Communion Assistant: Ron Tervo

Provide Refreshments: **Need a volunteer.**

### **Sunday, May 12 -- 8:30 am in sanctuary, on 101.9 FM, Vimeo/Facebook**

Assisting Minister: Jen Bleckiner

Reader: Larry Pagel

Ushers: Sten Taube, Cathy Seblonka

Communion Assistants: Larry Pagel, Beth Krznarich, Grant Soltwisch, **need one more volunteer.**

Greeters: **Need two volunteers.**

Nursery: Maddie Dykema  
Provide Refreshments: Mary Lou Blomquist

### **Sunday, May 12 – 10:30 am in sanctuary, on Vimeo/Facebook**

Assisting Minister: Jeanne Groos  
Reader: Nancy Hamlin  
Ushers: Fred and Jeanne Groos  
Communion Assistants: Sandy Lindberg, **need 3 more volunteers.**  
Greeters: **Need two volunteers**  
Projection Technician: Kathy Godec

Nursery: Maddie Dykema  
Flower Delivery: Ruth Circle

## **Announcements and Classified Ads**

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### **Big Band Swing Dance**

Westerly Winds presents a Big Band Swing Dance on Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day) at 2:00 pm at the Ore Dock Brewing Company. Tickets are available at the door: \$10 admission and \$5 students. All ages are welcome.

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### **Marquette Male Chorus Concert – May 17**

The Marquette Male Chorus will present "Harmonies and Melodies: Music of Bacharach, Mancini, and Mercer" on Friday, May 17 at 7:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church. The concert features music from these classic composers including "Do You Know the Way to San Jose", "Moon River", and "Accentuate the Positive". The Male Chorus is directed by Wayne Hanmer and accompanied by Dawn Betts. There is a suggested donation of \$10.00. For more information, feel free to call 906-249-9867.

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### **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Marquette County Community Baby Shower**

This is a free event and open to Marquette County families with an expectant mom or with an infant under six months of age. It will be held on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration opens on April 10; please register by May 10. Call Barbie at 906 228-6522 ext. 253 or email [bdupras@communityactionam.org](mailto:bdupras@communityactionam.org).



The goal of the shower is two-fold, one; to inform families of services and resources that are available in our community and two; to assist families with obtaining necessary supplies their infants might otherwise go without.

The continued success of the Community Baby Shower is dependent upon the support of community members and service organizations. You can assist by providing a monetary donation or new baby items. All donations can be mailed or dropped off at CAAM – ATTN: Accounting; 1125 Commerce Drive; Marquette, MI 49855. Make checks payable to CAAM Marquette County Community Baby Shower.

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### **Superior Handbells Concert at Messiah**

Superior Handbells ( *a community handbell choir*) presents its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Spring Concert titled “Belles au Naturele” on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church. There is no admission, but a free will offering will be taken. Join us as we go *au naturele* and celebrate nature!

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### **Marquette Lions Club**

The Marquette Lions Club is offering a new opportunity for you to show your patriotism and support our club. We will be placing a 3 x 5 USA made flag in your yard for the summer holidays of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day for \$35. If you are interested, please contact us at [MarquetteLions@yahoo.com](mailto:MarquetteLions@yahoo.com). For more information about this event, visit our website [marquettelions.org](http://marquettelions.org) and click on the drop-down menu for Club Projects.

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### **Host Families Needed**

Our Sister City Partnership Board will be hosting 10 delegates from our Sister City in Higashiomi, Japan, this summer from July 30 to August 6. If you are interested in being a host family, please contact Mary Lou Blomquist at 906 221-1888 or Paulette Lindberg at 906 869-4141. Thanks!

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### **Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice Events**

**Community Grief Support** - Loss of a loved one can look different for everyone. Let our team help you on your journey to new beginnings. This group is designed to support you with education, resources, and a safe place to listen and share. Free & open to the

public. No affiliation with our hospice is required. Choose the location that works best for you! Please call 906.225.7760 if you have any questions.

Marquette

5/15/24 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice office at 914 W Baraga Ave in Marquette

Gwinn

5/8/24 2-3 p.m.

Forsyth Senior Center 165 N Maple St in Gwinn

**Caregiver Support Groups** – Are you feeling isolated or burned out as a caregiver?

Do you experience frustration or guilt and need a safe place to process? Join us for opportunities to share your feelings, develop friendships, receive emotional support, and to learn about available community resources. There will be occasional guest speakers for relevant topics as well. This group is free and open to the public! The group is Moderated by Jamie Barbieri, RN Community Outreach Coordinator from Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice. Choose the location that works best for you! Please call 906.225.7760 if you have any questions.

Marquette:

2nd Wednesday of every month

5/8/24 2-3 p.m.

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice Office

914 W. Baraga Ave.

Ishpeming

3rd Tuesday of every month

5/21/24 2-3 p.m.

Ishpeming Senior Center

121 Greenwood St.

Gwinn

2nd Tuesday of the month

5/14/24 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Forsyth Senior Center

165 N Maple St

**Caring For an Aging Loved One**

Join Attorney Erica Payne from Taproot Law & Jamie Barbieri from Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice for this presentation, question, and answer period. This presentation will

cover how to navigate the experience of caring for an aging loved one. Through storytelling, you will learn what to expect about legal matters related to this topic. You'll also receive guidance on having hard conversations now, legal matters, and hospice.

May 7, 2024

1:00-2:30 PM

Peter White Public Library

Heritage Room 217 N. Front St, Marquette.

Free and open to the public! Call 906.225.7760 if you have any questions.

**Powerful Tools for caregivers – In Person-** Registration is now open for this free caregiver workshop. This 6 – week workshop is designed for the non-professional, informal caregiver and will help you take care of yourself while caring for a parent, spouse, or friend, at home, in a nursing home, or across the country. This workshop will provide YOU, the caregiver tools to: Reduce stress and help you relax, make tough decisions, reduce guilt, anger and depression, communicate effectively with family members, your doctor, etc., take care of yourself, & learn to set goals and problem-solve.

When will it happen? Thursdays May 9th – June 13th from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Class size is limited! Registration ends May 6th or when class is full. To register visit our website at: [www.upcap.org](http://www.upcap.org) (click on EVENTS) or call 2-1-1 for assistance. There is no charge for this online workshop. Class materials are provided. Call Jamie Barbieri with any questions 906.225.7760.

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## Do you have an announcement?

Send announcements & ads to Kathy Godec ([kathy@messiahlutheranmqt.org](mailto:kathy@messiahlutheranmqt.org)). Send concert or performance information, yard sale announcements, party invitations, requests for babysitters, yard maintenance, rooms for rent and items for sale. E-newsletter deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesdays.

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## Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor - Andrew Plocher

Associate Pastor - Molly Hunter

### **Office Staff**

Parish Administrator - Jennifer Dodge

Administrative Assistant – Kathy Godec

Parish Accountant - Mike Hill

Financial Secretary – Anne Rydholm

### **Music Staff**

Director of Music – Sara Parks

Bell Choir Director - Judy Quirk

Organist/Pianist - Kathy Strazzinski

Pianist – Jacob Schmeltzer & Jocelyn Basse