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August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

* Lowell R. Johnson from Helen M. Johnson

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

* Tim Keuscher from Terry Keuscher

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

* Penny Streeter & Sherry Labbe's mother, Joy Schlais from Shari Brugman

Siblings in Christ,

The change of seasons always brings both joy and challenge. September carries the energy of new beginnings—school doors opening, schedules filling, church programs blossoming again. These are gifts worth celebrating. Yet even joyful transitions can leave us weary. In a world that asks us to move faster and produce more, it is easy to feel stretched thin.

Scripture reminds us that God's vision for us is different. At the close of our Revelation series, we will hear the promise of the New Jerusalem: a river flowing with the water of life, and trees whose leaves are "for the healing of the nations." This vision is not of endless striving, but of rest, nourishment, and healing. It is a reminder that the world will not be healed by our exhaustion, but by God's renewing presence.

Rest is not always easy, especially for those carrying heavy responsibilities. Yet that is why rest itself becomes an act of faith—and even resistance. To rest is to declare that our worth is not in what we accomplish, but in who we are as beloved children of God.

When we root ourselves in Christ—pausing for prayer, gathering around meals and laughter, studying and wondering together—we are not stepping away from our discipleship. We are stepping into it.

This September we will root ourselves again: around picnic tables on Rally Day, in the classrooms of our Sunday school, and in conversation as we read Cole Arthur Riley's *This Here Flesh*. Riley reminds us that God is found in our stories, our memories, and our embodied lives—that holiness meets us right where we are. In our worship, our laughter, our service, our bread and cup—God is here.

So as this season of growth unfolds, I encourage you to practice gentleness with yourself. Make time for joy and connection. Tend to your soul as care-

fully as you would tend to a young tree. In doing so, we join God's work of healing—within us, among us, and for the sake of the world.

In Christ,
Pr. Andrew

End-of-Summer Generosity: Staying Rooted Together

Summer has a way of shifting our rhythms—days at the lake, travel, family gatherings, and long evenings of rest. These are gifts of the season, and many of us need that space to renew our bodies and spirits.

Even while our routines change, the life of the church continues in full: worship each week, care for one another, outreach in the community, and preparation for the ministries of fall. That steady presence is only possible because of your generosity.

As often happens, giving has slowed over the summer months. This dip is natural, but it also means we enter the fall a little behind where we hoped to be. Your faithful support now will help us catch up and move forward with strength—ready for Sunday school, book studies, music, and the many ways we share God's love together.

If you've been away, consider making a special end-of-summer gift or setting up recurring giving. Every offering matters, and every gift helps root our ministry more deeply in Christ's love. Together, we can step into this next season with confidence, knowing that God multiplies what we give and uses it for healing, welcome, and hope.

Beach Worship – Labor Day Weekend

10:30 am at Clark Lambros Beach Park

Join us for worship by the water on:

- Sunday, August 31st (*Labor Day weekend*)

Bring a chair, invite a friend, and come ready to worship with sand between your toes and Lake Superior as our chancel. There's nothing quite like singing, praying, and sharing communion with the sound of waves in the background.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll gather in the sanctuary as usual—but we're hoping for sunshine and a gentle breeze!

Community Meal - September 3

Our next Community Meal will be on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00 pm. Our cooks will be making spaghetti (with sausage), garlic bread, salad bar & dessert! Please join us for an evening of food & fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

Messiah Calendar

Monday, August 25

10:00 am OWLs Walk
5:30 pm 11-Step Centering Prayer
7:00 pm AA

Tuesday, August 26

11:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Centering Prayer
1:00 pm Knotty Knitters

Wednesday, August 27

1:30 pm Brookridge Worship
4:00 pm Endowment Committee
6:00 pm Endowment Committee

Thursday, August 28

10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study
1:30 pm Centering Prayer
6:00 pm Global Mission

Friday, August 29

9:00 am Senior Men's Bible Study

Saturday, August 30

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, August 31

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Worship-Traditional
10:30 am Beach Worship @ Clark
Lambros Beach, bring your own chair/blanket

In The Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pr. Molly Hunter & 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: September 1-3, 7-10, 14-17, 21-24, 28-30
Pr. Molly Hunter: September 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27
Pr. Molly is working T/Th through 9/18/25

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our October newsletter is **Monday, September 22, 2025.**

Messiah's Newsletter

August 24, 2025
Volume 107, Issue 9

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

This Here Flesh — September Book Study

Monday September 15th, 7:00 pm, Atrium

What does it mean to live with dignity? To carry memory, fear, hope, and joy in a body that longs for healing? This September, we're inviting you to read *This Here Flesh* by Cole Arthur Riley—a beautiful, thought-provoking book that weaves together story, spirituality, and justice.

Riley writes with honesty and beauty—poetic, grounded, and deeply rooted in lived experience. She explores themes like lament, rest, liberation, and wonder—not as abstract ideas, but as threads woven into our everyday lives.

We'll meet on the 15th to talk about what moved us, what challenged us, and what's still stirring beneath the surface. No homework. No pressure. Just a chance to show up, reflect, and be part of something honest and real.

Books are still available in the church office for \$15.

All are welcome—bring your story, your questions, and maybe a friend.

Sunday School Families

Sunday School for the fall begins on Rally Sunday – September 7th . Registration for this fall is now live on Messiah's website. Rally Day also includes a picnic style lunch of hot dogs after 10:30 worship along with fun activities for kids.

The New Free Store Donations

The New Free Store is in need of the items listed below. There is a collection bin in our narthex at Messiah for The New Free Store.

September *Packages of feminine pads &/or tampons*

October *Hand Sanitizer & Toilet Paper (packs of 4 or 6 rolls)*

Upcoming Events in September & October

August 31	10:30 am service at Clark Lambros Beach
September 1	Labor Day, church office closed
September 3	Community Meal at 6:00 pm in Magnuson Hall
September 7	First Day of Sunday School
September 7	Rally Day picnic starting after 10:30 am worship
September 10	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
September 14	Confirmation Year starts at Immanuel in Negaunee
September 20	Our guests from Tanzania arrive
September 21	Bible Sunday for all 3 year olds, 3rd graders & 6th graders
September 24	Brookridge Worship at 1:30 pm
September 30	Our guests from Tanzania return home
October 11/12	Blessing of the kits & quilts for Lutheran World Relief
October 12	CROP Walk-register at 1:30 pm, walk starts at 2:00 pm
October 18	Load boxes onto LWR truck - 10 am

Messiah's Birthdays

September 2025

Monday 1	Mary Lou Blomquist, Kate Sromalski
Tuesday 2	Val Beaudoin, Billie Johnson
Wednesday 3	Cecelia Christopher
Thursday 4	No birthdays
Friday 5	Jack VanAlstine
Saturday 6	Dietrich Spickerman, Ellen Symons
Sunday 7	Kathy Osier, Nancy Skoog
Monday 8	Gary Peterson, Charlie Sander
Tuesday 9	Renee Messana, Natalie Weir
Wednesday 10	Jim Elder
Thursday 11	Julie Elder, Emma Maki-Warne
Friday 12	Sten Taube
Saturday 13	Wayne Geschwindt, Joe Harkness
Sunday 14	Jen Dodge, Theo Zimmer
Monday 15	Laurie McGovern
Tuesday 16	Ashlee Blom, Ilene Mattson, Kristen Smith
Wednesday 17	Emily Coyne, Hali Ziegler
Thursday 18	No birthdays
Friday 19	Linda Berry, Shari Brugman
Saturday 20	Lynne Hammerstrom
Sunday 21	Pam Christensen
Monday 22	Jan Julian, Mark Petrie, Helen Steinhoff
Tuesday 23	Jen Bleckiner, Peggy Letvenow, Kaitlin Salmela
Wednesday 24	Brandon Evans
Thursday 25	Henry Dellangelo, Terry Keuscher, Wilho Kilpela, Andrew Stevens, Angela Weir
Friday 26	Laurie Smith

Saturday 27	Gene Arntsen
Sunday 28	Lynda Trafton
Monday 29	Laura Tripp
Tuesday 30	Bob Beals, Leslie Dellangelo

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to the following couples in September:

Mark & Laura Petrie	September 2
Brent & Rachel Skaw	September 2
Bill & Mary Davis	September 5
Mark & Laurie McGovern	September 5
Dave & Arlene Van Kley	September 7
Joe & Chris Harkness	September 8
Mark & Michelle Sellers	September 9
Paula Diedrich & her husband	September 12
Keith & Debra Abraham	September 13
David & Laura Tripp	September 14
Ken & Jan Vickstrom	September 15
Michael & Clare Sauer	September 17
Ron Tervo & Jan Julian	September 23
Dave & Marion DeLarye	September 28
Ron & Ruth Hill	September 28

Rally Day - Save the Date!

Our kick-off to fall programming starts with Sunday School & Rally Day, which both start on Sunday, September 7th. Our Rally Day picnic will be held in our east parking lot. We will have hot dogs, chips, watermelon & ice cream sandwiches. We will also have some fun things for the kids! If you are able to help make this day a success, please sign up at the welcome table. Thank you!

To prepare for this festive picnic, we are in need of a few canopies. If you have one you can share for the picnic, please let us know. We also need to start collecting gallon milk jugs. If you have clean, empty gallon milk containers, please drop them by the office between now and Sept 7th. Thank you!

Confirmation Kick-Off: Come As You Are!

September 14, 5:00–7:00 pm - Immanuel Lutheran Church in Negaunee

We're launching a new year of Confirmation with a kick-off gathering on Saturday, September 14, from 5:00–7:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Negaunee. All youth and their parents are invited—whether you're new to Confirmation or continuing the journey. Food will be provided!

This evening will be a chance to meet one another—youth, parents, and leaders from Messiah and around our partner congregations. Together, we'll celebrate the radical love of Jesus, explore what's ahead, and outline the rhythms of the coming program year.

As we begin this new chapter, Confirmation will now be centered around grades 7 through 9, with this year's focus being the life and teachings of Jesus in the New Testament.

If you have questions about Confirmation or this year's program, please reach out to Pastor Andrew or Pastor Molly. We're excited to walk this road with you.

Come curious. Come as you are. Come hungry—for dinner and for grace.

UP Wild - Blessing of the Monarchs

Join U.P. Wild for their 5th Annual Blessing of the Monarchs!

As the monarch butterflies make their long pilgrimage south, we will gather at The Peninsula Point Light House located at the southern tip of the Stonington Peninsula. There will be a special opening ceremony and then we will reciprocate our blessings and prayers for a safe passage. Carpooling is highly recommended. Please bring a folding chair. Service is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 4th, however this date may be pushed back to another Thursday in September depending on when the monarchs are ready to take off for Mexico. Please check the website for up-to-date information visit www.upwild.org/deltacounty

Passages

In Celebration of:

* The birth of Oliver Murphy Ehret who was born on July 30, 2025, weighing in at 7 pounds/14 ounces and 20 inches tall. Oliver's parents are David & Danielle Ehret. Oliver is the grandson of proud grandparents, John VanDreel & Beth Krznarich.

Lectionary Readings - September 2025

September 7

First Reading
Gospel

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 14:25-33

September 14

First Reading
Gospel

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14
Luke 15:1-10

September 21

First Reading
Gospel

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 28

First Reading
Gospel

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Luke 16:19-31

A/V Project: Almost There!

We've \$16,000 toward our \$30,000 goal—over halfway there! Thanks to your gifts (and the Council's match), every dollar given now takes us twice as far. These upgrades aren't about gadgets—they're about people. Stronger sound, T-coil support, better internet, and refreshed systems mean everyone can fully join in worship and community, whether in person or online.

We're in the home stretch. Let's finish strong—so that no one is left out of what God is doing here.

Bowls for a Cause

Turned Wooden Bowls are available for a donation to the community assistance fund. They are located next to the homemade jams in the narthex. All bowls are homemade and are finished with a food safe finish. If you have questions about the bowls they can be directed to Paul Carstens at pcarsten@alumni.nmu.edu.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

During August & September Women Reaching Women Circle will be collecting donations of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief 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
- Fiskars-type kids' scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 2 1/2" Pink Pearl-type eraser
- 30 cm ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one edge and inches on the other

Exciting News: A New Childcare Partner at Messiah

As many of you know, Gretchen's House has made the decision to close their Marquette center. We are grateful for the care they have provided to children and families during their time with us, and we share in the disappointment of their closing.

At the same time, we are delighted to announce that Harbor Light Early Education, led by local director Ashley Crosland, will be our new childcare partner at Messiah. Harbor Light brings a commitment to the same high level of quality care and education—while offering more affordable tuition for families. Even more, Harbor Light's vision goes beyond childcare alone: they are seeking NAEYC accreditation, building a strong community connection, and creating opportunities for collaboration with families, NMU, and our congregation.

We are especially excited about the clarity of planning, excellent communication, and spirit of partnership that Ashley is bringing to this work. We will be sharing more in a letter to the entire congregation soon, and we look forward to a Sunday in the near future when Ashley will join us between services for a meet-and-greet and to share more about her vision for Harbor Light in our space.

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.

Why Giving Tuesday is Crucial This Year

As of August 15, seven and a half months into 2025, we have had 231 Assistance Fund visits and distributed \$32,087.71. This amounts to an average of \$139 per recipient. With 4.5 months to go in 2025 we are on schedule to distribute approximately \$51,335 this year – a new high!

Giving Tuesday will be on Tuesday, December 2nd this year. Please keep the Assistance Fund in mind as you plan your giving in 2025.

Thank you to all who make this ministry possible!

- - - Mary Lou Blomquist

2025 WELCA Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Friday, September 19 - Sunday, September 21

Hidden Women of Faith

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come" Proverbs 31:25

Meet our Presenter: Dr. Katie Deaver. Our presenter this year is Dr. Katie Deaver. She holds a Ph.D. in feminist Theology and Ethics from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Come and join us as we explore the lives of several remarkable women and discover the "hidden" ways their personal faith impacted their communities and the world. Through stories of resilience, strength, and devotion we'll celebrate these hidden women of faith as we continue on our own faith journey. Katie is committed to making theology accessible and enriching for all people of faith. Cluster 8 welcomes you to come join in our 2025 retreat. We are currently planning our break out sessions, but plan on card making, bible study and some gourmet s'mores with a wine pairing. Make some time and join us, bring a friend.

Registration forms and scholarship applications can be found at nglsynod.org/swo.

Messiah's Bell Choir

Messiah's Bell Choir will resume in October on Monday, October 6th. There are spaces and bells for 14 to 16 people or more. New ringers and/or experienced ringers are welcome. Come and see. Come and learn. Come and ring.

- - - Judy Quirk

Quilting

If you would like to work with Messiah's quilting group, please contact the office.

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September Visit from Members of Azania Front, Tanzania

Our congregation will be welcoming nine guests from our companion congregation in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to visit us this month. They will be with us from September 19-October 1.

All of us can play a role in making this group feel welcome. In a few weeks, on September 6th & 7th, members from our Global Mission team will be presenting a temple talk at the beginning of worship to let everyone know how they can participate as “day hosts” accompanying guests to a variety of activities at our church and in the community. And if you are not able to be a day host, you will have an opportunity to meet our guests on the weekends when they are with us in worship.

If you haven’t had a chance yet, be sure to check out the kiosk in the atrium with the group members’ pictures and information. We are very excited to share our congregational life and the Marquette community with our Tanzanian companions in a few short weeks. Pray for their safe travel!

LWR InGathering at Messiah

Messiah will have their Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Truck Loading day on Saturday, October 18th at 10:00 am. The truck will be here for one hour only.

If your Circle/Quilting group has boxes of kits/quilts to send, please record the following information for the office:

1. Number of quilts and/or kits your Circle/Quilting group has made
2. Number of boxes of quilts, school kits, personal health kits, baby care kits and/or number of boxes of sewing kits. Thank you!

Knotty Knitters

The Knotty Knitters will continue to meet at Messiah on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. The knitters typically meet in Magnuson Hall but occasionally meet in the atrium. They do join one another for lunch at Vangos prior to coming to Messiah. Please contact Shelly Johnson for more information.

OWLs (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Summer is in full swing & on Mondays at 10:00 am we walk at the lower harbor/Mattson Park if it’s not raining. If the weather is rainy we’ll walk at the Dome. Afterwards we go to Provisions for coffee. We walk at different rates and all are welcome. If you’re not interested in walking join us for coffee. Questions? please contact Betsy or the church office.

OWLs Event

The Owls group is invited to a potluck picnic at Judy Quirk’s camp on Sunday, September 7th starting at 2:30 pm. We will plan to eat at 4:00 pm. Directions will be in the office.

What is Centering Prayer?

Centering prayer is a form of silent prayer that emphasizes resting in God’s presence through silence and a sacred word. It involves finding a quiet space, sitting comfortably, and focusing on a chosen word to help maintain stillness and let go of thoughts. The goal is to cultivate a deeper relationship with God through stillness and receptivity. Several members of Messiah lead groups that practice this form of prayer throughout the week as a piece of their faith life. -- Pr. Molly Hunter

Centering Prayer

Did you know that there’s a prayer called the “I don’t know” prayer?

You just go somewhere quiet and you sit at the feet of God and you say, “I don’t know.”

I don’t know where to go from here.

I don’t know what is happening.

I don’t know how to process this.

I don’t know what to do with these emotions.

I don’t know how to handle this situation.

And then, with whatever little grain of faith you have, you say, “But You know.”

And you leave it there. God most certainly answers your prayers.

-- Author unknown

Practice opportunities:

- Here at Messiah Tuesdays from 11-noon, followed by Lectio Divina.
- Online via Zoom at www.meditationchapel.org
- Using the “Centering prayer” app on your smart phone
- Learning about Centering prayer and practicing on your own via written materials.
- Two books that have been helpful to me are “Open Mind, Open Heart” and “Invitation to Love” by Thomas Keating.
- Listening to talks on YouTube. Many of Thomas Keating’s talks are available.

--- Nancy Hamlin

Senior Men’s Ministry

Messiah’s Senior Men’s Ministry is meeting every Friday at 9:00 am in room #202. We meet for about an hour. Please join us on Fridays!

A Daily Guide for September

September 1 – Begin Again

Say a quiet blessing over this new month. Welcome it with open hands and a willing heart.

September 2 – The Gift of Routine

Notice one ordinary rhythm in your day—making coffee, a commute, packing lunch—and let it become a prayer.

September 3 – A Prayer for New Starts

Pray for all who are beginning something new this fall—students, teachers, caregivers, and those starting over.

September 4 – Walk with Intention

Take a short walk today. Let each step be a small act of presence. Whisper a prayer with your feet.

September 5 – Celebrate a First

What's a first you remember fondly—first day of school, first job, first friend? Let memory stir up gratitude.

September 6 – Bless the Work

Offer a blessing over your work—paid or unpaid, creative or caretaking. "God, may this labor be rooted in love."

September 7 – Hold a Backpack Blessing

Whether it's your own, a child's, or symbolic: "God, may this carry not just books, but hope, courage, and wonder."

September 8 – Find Beauty in Transition

Notice the light shifting, the air changing, the quiet transformation underway. Bless this in-between time.

September 9 – Pray for Educators

Lift up teachers, aides, mentors, and professors. Ask God to renew their energy and honor their calling.

September 10 – Let Yourself Be Taught

Learn something new today—however small. Receive it with childlike curiosity.

September 11 – Remember and Recommit

On this day of national memory, pray for peace. Let sorrow deepen your resolve to love.

September 12 – Practice Grounding

Place your feet flat on the floor. Breathe deeply. Say: "God, help me be rooted in you today."

September 13 – A Mid-Month Check-In

How is your spirit? What do you need more of? Less of? Offer it honestly to God.

September 14 – Create Something Small

Draw, write, sing, cook, or build something—anything. Let it be a quiet act of joy.

September 15 – Rest in God's Presence

Turn off noise for ten minutes. Be still. Imagine God resting with you.

September 16 – Light a Candle for the Future

As the church year edges toward harvest, light a candle and say: "God, guide what is yet to come."

September 17 – Seek Out Wisdom

Ask a question you've been holding. Listen for an answer—in scripture, conversation, or silence.

September 18 – Welcome the Stranger

Look for someone who feels on the edge and extend kindness. Invite connection.

September 19 – Pray for the Church

Pray for your congregation, pastors, musicians, children, and ministries. Ask for renewed vision and joy.

September 20 – Practice Gratitude for Community

Name five people who help you feel less alone. Offer thanks for them—perhaps even tell them.

September 21 – Bless Your Tools

Bless the instruments of your daily life—your phone, your car, your pen, your planner. May they serve grace.

September 22 – Celebrate Autumn's Arrival

As the season shifts, say: "Thank you, God, for cycles and seasons. For endings, beginnings, and all that falls in between."

September 23 – A Prayer for Courage

Say: "God, give me the courage to show up as I am, to risk love, to keep becoming. Amen."

September 24 – Declutter with Intention

Choose one area to clear today. As you do, whisper: "Make space in me, too, O God."

September 25 – Pray for Students

Remember students of all ages today. Pray for curiosity, resilience, rest, and belonging.

September 26 – Return to the Psalms

Read a psalm aloud. Let its poetry hold your own prayers.

September 27 – Share a Sacred Meal

Eat intentionally today—with someone else, or with presence. Taste. Savor. Give thanks.

September 28 – Remember Your Baptism

Touch water today — washing your hands, walking in rain, sipping tea. Remember you are beloved.

September 29 – Practice Hope

Hope can feel risky. Try it anyway. Say: “God, help me hope for what I cannot yet see.”

September 30 – A Blessing for the Journey

Say: “God of every season, thank you for this month. Go with me into what’s next—steady, stretching, and sustaining me. Amen.”

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Tom Osier; Karen; Jackie Greising; Al Ortlieb; Christine and Jason; Eric and Gretchen; Judy Quirk; Lois LaBrecque; Darlene Dreisbach; Ruth Koehler; Sherrie Wagner; Jan Brown; Betsy; Carrie Oslund; John Collins; Myra; Katie; John Kiltinen; Mary Ruman; Jeremy; Sally Olson; Charlie Blake; Carol Bell; Dorothy; Lynne Robertson; Karen; Rose Collins; Don Hillegas; Grant; Kai Dolan; Samantha; Ted; Bruce Lindberg; Grace Chien; Jamie; Donna; Brian; Ben; Sandy Grenke; Evelyn; Akira Carlson; Karen Eldevick; Grace; Shannon; Billy & Kathy S.; Leesa; Jesse Wright; Marshall Lovan; Peter; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; Tina; Williamson family; Wayne Hanmer; Judy Donckers; Sierra; Charlene Avery

You may call the office if you would like a person listed in the prayers. Please obtain permission from the person to list his/her name. We also appreciate updates as to how people listed are progressing. Thank you!

Medication Help Available

If you have questions or concerns regarding your medications, you can contact retired pharmacist, Barb Salmela. Contact the office to get her number. All inquiries are confidential. She can help find discounts for medication, ways to possibly obtain them for free, or suggest less expensive alternatives.

Brookridge Worship

Our worship service at Brookridge is held on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Some of our members live there & attend our service regularly. In addition, members of other faith communities join us, making our attendance grow to about 20-25 on a given day. Our service includes hymns, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, psalms, scripture, a homily, Apostles’ Creed and Holy Communion. It is a real worship service.

Worshipping with this congregation is a blessing. The singing is robust, the prayers are from the heart, communion and forgiveness is truly felt and the fellowship is sincere.

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 Kathy at Messiah’s office. And, you can access the ENews through Messiah’s website.

Your Prayer Requests at Messiah

At every Saturday & Sunday worship service, we ask people to fill out a welcome card that is found in the bulletin. The card asks people to put their prayer requests on the back, and these requests are prayed for every Tuesday morning at Messiah’s staff meeting. If you wish to have your name or a loved one’s name read during worship, please call the office or let the pastors or Jen know. We will need to get permission before we include anyone’s name in the worship prayers.

10:30 am Worship Volunteers

We are in need of more volunteers for our 10:30 worship service. Specifically ushers and communion assistants. If either of these roles interest you or if you have questions about it; please visit Jen or Kathy in the office and they will let you know what is involved. Thank you!

Radio Broadcast & Livestream Sponsorship

We are in need of sponsors for weekly/ongoing radio broadcasts & livestream. If this is something you would like to support, please contact the office & share what you would like written for your sponsorship; it can be in honor or in memory of a loved one.

You can reach us by phone at 225-1119 or email at office@messiahlutheran-mqt.org. The cost of the Radio Broadcast or Livestream sponsorship is \$110.00 each.

No cash or checkbook? No problem
You can donate through Venmo
or on our website at:
messiahlutheranmqt.org/give

If you wish to designate your
donation to a specific fund, please be
sure to do so. Any undesignated
donations automatically go to our
general fund which supports the
entirety of our ministry.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Fortune Lake News

Submission for Fall Fest 2025 due by August 31

We are gearing up for Fall Fest 2025! Our juried quilt auction is only possible because of the generous donations of dozens of quilters. The Virtual Auction will open on September 24, with the live event taking place on October 4.

Submissions for the auction are due by August 31, and submissions for the Country Store are due by September 12. Please complete the appropriate forms to submit with your items. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity! We look forward to seeing you at Fall Fest! Submission forms can be found at www.fortunelake.org.

Nature Inspired: Fall Wellness Retreat – September 11-14, 2025 CDT

Fortune Lake invites all adults to participate in our Nature Inspired Wellness Retreat! This retreat has both 3-day and 4-day options so everyone can find what they need, whether that be a quick, relaxing weekend getaway or a more extended retreat. This retreat is in partnership with Pam Roose of Inspiring Roots, LLC.

This year, Pam will explore the theme “Rooted Together” with the group. The group will learn about root vegetables and their many applications and health benefits as well as the importance of fiber in our diets. We’ll delve into nutrition, practice movement, and explore changes that can be made to our own lifestyles to improve our health and well-being. Participants will also lean into the theme “Rooted Together” by learning about the benefits of living in community while creating their own micro-community with other attendees of the retreat. Other highlights include yoga sessions, wellness workshops, opportunities to experience the beautiful nature surrounding Fortune Lake, optional massages, delicious food, hot saunas, and more!

Participants are encouraged to bring active clothing, a yoga mat if they have one, a swimsuit and towel for sauna/swimming, and some other supplies that will be outlined over email prior to the event.

Check-in Thursday 6:00 pm CT; retreat will conclude Sunday 11:00 am CT. A more detailed schedule will be provided prior to arrival.

The registration deadline is September 1. Register online at www.fortunelake.org.

Crop Hunger Walk – October 12

The Marquette County Crop Walk will be on Sunday, October 12 with registration starting at 1:30 pm and the walk starting at 2:00 pm. Our host is The Marquette Hope Connection Center at 927 W Fair Ave. 25% of the money raised will be distributed locally to Feeding America (sponsored by Silver Creek Church) and the NMU Food Bank. 75% of the money raised will go to Church World Service for use with grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. Join us in our quest to alleviate hunger in our communities! For more information, contact Crystal Swanson at crystaljswanson@yahoo.com or wesley@mqthope.com.

New Presiding Bishop for the ELCA

The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected as the next Presiding Bishop of the ELCA on July 30th at the churchwide assembly—a historic and joyful moment for our church. He is the first Black person ever to serve in this role. Currently bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Curry brings years of experience as a pastor, community leader, and advocate for justice. His ministry began in Riverdale, Illinois, where he helped launch Shekinah Chapel, and has always centered on inclusion, relationship, and raising up new leaders.

Bishop-Elect Curry has spoken about the importance of not just naming a vision, but living it—bringing more people to the table and aligning passion with purpose. We give thanks for his leadership and pray for him and for our whole denomination as we move into this new chapter, trusting that the Spirit is at work in bold and hopeful ways.

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice

Memory Café: Painting with Purpose: Create, Connect & Paint! Memory Cafes are welcoming stigma free social gatherings for individuals with memory loss and their care partners. Take a moment to unwind with gentle painting. Explore color, spark memories, and enjoy creative time together – no experience needed. Registration required to 906.225.7760 or outreach@lakesuperiorhospice.org. Free to attend. Peter White Library 217 N. Front St, on Monday, Sept. 22nd from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm.

Memory Café: Welcome Wednesday at the Trillium House – Sept. 24th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. A friendly, supportive gathering for individuals living with memory loss and their care partners. Enjoy lunch, connect with others, and hear from special guests from the Alzheimer’s Association. Plus take a tour of Trillium House and learn more about how they support families and caregivers with their short term respite stays and hospice support in a warm, home-like setting. Please RSVP by Sept. 17th by calling 906.264.5026. Trillium House is located at 1144 Northland Dr. in Marquette.

Community Memorial Service – Are you grieving the loss of a family member or friend? We invite you to gather with us in remembrance of loved ones who have passed. This special service is open to all members of the community. If you’d like to have your loved one’s name read during the service, please contact us at 906.225.7760. This community memorial service takes place at D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans Chapel, 425 Fisher St. on Wednesday, Sept. 10th at 6:30 pm.

September 2025 Worship Volunteers

Saturday, September 6 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday, September 7 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Dave Blomquist
Reader 1 Louise Reichert
Ushers 2 Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder
Communion Assts. 3 Beth Krznarich, Dave Blomquist
Greeters 2

Sunday, September 7 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Inga Banitt
Reader 1
Ushers 2
Communion Assts. 3 Gayle Mack, Bronce Reece
Greeters 2 Ellen Symons,
Projection Technician 1 Abby LaForest

Saturday, September 13 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, September 14 – 8 :30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Fred Maynard
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 3
Greeters 2 Darlene Martin,

Sunday, September 14 - 10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2
Communion Assts. 3 Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman, Sandy Lindberg
Greeters 2
Projection Technican 1

Saturday, September 20 - 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Karen Kimar-Johnson
Communion Asst 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday, September 21—8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Harkness
Reader 1
Ushers 2 Joe and Chris Harkness
Communion Assts. 3 Beth Krznarich,
Greeters 2 Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Sunday, September 21—10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Jeanne Groos
Ushers 2 Fred and Jeanne Groos
Communion Assts. 4 Gayle Mack, Bronce Reece,
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1

Saturday, September 27- 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila
Communion Asst 1 Terri Bocklund

Sunday, September 28 - 8:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2 Sten Taube
Communion Assts 3 Our guests from Tanzania
Greeters 2 Al and Gail Edgar

Sunday, September 28—10:30 am

Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 3 Our guests from Tanzania
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1

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