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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

(with Nursery)

Sunday 10:30 am

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August 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Flowers: To the Glory of God & In Honor of...

- * Bruce Robertson's 75th birthday on August 29
- * a blessed birthday for Helen Lord Anderson, Kathy Peters & Mike Coyne

To the Glory of God & In Memory of...

- * Jill Bocklund Hughes from Cheryl Anderegg & Terri Bocklund

Radio: To the Glory of God...

- * from our Messiah family

Livestream: To the Glory of God...

- * from our Messiah family

Together for Good – Our Fall Stewardship Season Begins

Every autumn, we pause as a congregation to consider something important — not because the church needs money, but because generosity is one of the most powerful expressions of what we believe.

This September, we begin our annual fall stewardship season, and to our identity theme **#MessiahConnects** we add our stewardship theme: **Together for Good**. Scripture reminds us that God works through us for good (Romans 8:28), and that we are created in Christ Jesus for good works prepared for us to walk in (Ephesians 2:10). We are invited collaborators in God's ongoing story.

Together for Good means that what we do here matters: every meal served, every child taught, every prayer offered, every hour volunteered, every dollar given. None of it happens by accident. It happens because people like you give of your time, talent, and treasure — and God works through that generosity. We'll continue sharing these stories throughout the fall with **#MessiahConnects**.

Over the next few weeks, we will explore in worship what it means to give in response to God's grace — not out of obligation, but out of gratitude. Generosity is simply what it looks like to live as someone who has been loved extravagantly by God. **This journey will lead us toward Commitment Weekend on October 17/18, when we offer our annual commitments of time, talent, and treasure as an expression of gratitude and trust.**

This fall is also a **season of humility** for us as a congregation. As we walk through this time of pastoral transition, humility becomes the posture that allows us to listen deeply — to God, to one another, and to the Spirit's lead-

ing. Humility is not about thinking less of ourselves; it is about making more room for God's voice among us.

As part of this season of listening and humility, our Transition Team is preparing a **special worship experience called Faith Ventures** that will bring our whole congregation together in a single shared gathering. This event will combine **all three of our weekend worship services into one**, creating a space where we can come together as one body — to listen to Scripture, to one another, and to the Spirit's guidance for our future. It will include Scripture, conversation, and shared table fellowship. More details will be shared soon, but I want you to know that something meaningful is on the horizon.

We hope you will join us for **two of the most meaningful moments in our congregation's year** — our upcoming **Faith Ventures** gathering and **Commitment Weekend on October 17/18**. I look forward to walking this season with you — together, for the good God is doing among us.

In Christ,

Pastor Steve Solberg

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting

Messiah's Congregation Council calls a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 20, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service, in the sanctuary.

The sole purpose of this meeting, as required by Messiah's constitution, is to consider elevator upgrade & maintenance decisions needed for continued safe, reliable, and code-compliant operation. Council has been reviewing modernization options in light of aging components, the obsolescence of the DMC controller, and updated Michigan elevator rules, and is still finalizing the specific proposal it will bring to the congregation. An information hand-out will be available by the weekend of September 12 & 13 to help members prepare.

All voting members are encouraged to attend. Your voice matters as we discern the best path forward for accessibility and hospitality in our building.

AV Project Update

Our sanctuary AV upgrade is progressing, though a few portions of the installation are taking longer than expected. The remaining work involves specialized equipment, custom fabrication, and coordination with multiple contractors — all of which require careful scheduling. These delays are normal for projects of this scale, and the team is actively working with our partners to keep everything moving.

We're grateful for your patience and excited for the improvements this upgrade will bring to worship, livestreaming, and ministry communication. We'll continue to share updates as each phase is completed.

Messiah Calendar

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, Sept 1

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 2

6:00 pm Community Meal

Thursday, Sept 3

10:30 am Koinonia Bible Study
5:00 pm Building & Grounds

Friday, Sept 4

9:00 am Senior Men's Bible Study

Saturday, Sept 5

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, Sept 6

8:00 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am Worship-Traditional
10:30 am Beach Worship @ Clark
Lambros Beach

Community Meal - September 2

Our next community meal will be on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00 pm in Magnuson Hall. The meal will be spaghetti, garlic bread & salad. A vegetarian option will be available. Please join us for a delicious meal on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00 pm. We look forward to it!

New Landscaping

Have you noticed the recent Messiah make-over? Nagelkirk Gardens has replaced old, overgrown plantings with plants recommended for maximum enjoyment with minimum care. The ultimate goal is to always have something in bloom to enjoy.

This undertaking would not have been possible without several generous donors: THANK YOU! Additional thanks go out to the faithful watering folk who continue to care for the landscaping around our church. It really does take a village.

Do you like being outside around pretty plants? Would you be interested in helping water our new plantings? We would love your help. Please contact Jennifer to volunteer for watering.

Thanks again to all for the many ways you contribute to this congregation.

- - - Gail Edgar

Messiah's Jam Ministry

We have lots of JAM on the shelves right now!! Jam is \$5.00/jar for 8 oz. (half pint) jars. If you're lucky enough to find a sample 4 oz. jar, they are \$3.00/jar or two for \$5. You can leave your money at the office or use the convenient QR code located nearby to pay. THANK YOU to everyone who has donated supplies and fruit. Don't forget to return those empty jars! You can leave them in the jam area. Thank you, *Rebecca Ulland* (email rjulland@yahoo.com).

Pr. Katie Larson's Visit

Pr. Katie Larson's visit was a beautiful reminder about the relevance and impact of relationships with God's people throughout the world. Our Fair Trade Market at Messiah showcases international artisans, including Colombian congregations working with Pr. Katie. You have an opportunity to volunteer with our Fair Trade Market! Our market will be held Nov. 21-22 at Messiah. There are still some tasks that need volunteers. Please review the sign-up sheet on the welcome table and identify if you feel called to serve at this event. The Fair Trade Market team will contact you to arrange the next step. Thank you for your support!

New QR Code for Venmo at Messiah!

Our new QR code for venmo transactions is up and running. It is on the back of each bulletin and posted near the coffee, chocolate, jam, tea, oil, etc



venmo

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In The Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pr. Steve Solberg 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. Steve Solberg on vacation August 30-September 6
Pr. Steve Solberg on call: September 7-30
Dave Horn on call: August 30 - September 6

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in our October newsletter is **Monday, Sept. 21, 2026.**

Messiah's Newsletter

August 30, 2026
Volume 108, Issue 8

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

Messiah's Birthdays - September

Tuesday 1	Mary Lou Blomquist, Kate Sromalski
Wednesday 2	Valerie Beaudoin, Billie Johnson
Thursday 3	Cecelia Christopher
Friday 4	No birthdays
Saturday 5	Jack VanAlstine
Sunday 6	Dietrich Spickerman, Ellen Symons
Monday 7	Nancy Skoog, Claire Smith
Tuesday 8	Gary Peterson, Charlie Sander
Wednesday 9	Renee Messana, Natalie Weir
Thursday 10	Jim Elder
Friday 11	Julie Elder, Emma Maki-Warne
Saturday 12	Sten Taube, Ella Theys
Sunday 13	Wayne Geschwindt, Joe Harkness
Monday 14	Jen Dodge, Steve Solberg
Tuesday 15	Lori McGovern
Wednesday 16	Ashlee Blom, Ilene Mattson, Kristen Smith
Thursday 17	Emily Coyne, Hali Ziegler
Friday 18	No birthdays
Saturday 19	Linda Berry, Shari Brugman, Taylor Olson
Sunday 20	Lynne Hammerstrom
Monday 21	Pam Christensen, Myra Zybert
Tuesday 22	Jan Julian, Mark Petrie, Helen Steinhoff
Wednesday 23	Jen Bleckiner, Peggy Letvenow, Kaitlin Salmela
Thursday 24	Brandon Evans
Friday 25	Henry Dellangelo, Terry Keuscher, Wilho Kilpela, Andrew Stevens, Angela Weir
Saturday 26	Laurie Smith
Sunday 27	Gene Arntsen, Brooklynn Rydholm
Monday 28	Lynda Trafton

Tuesday 29 Laura Tripp

Wednesday 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
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
Michael & Claire Sauer	September 17
Ron Tervo & Jan Julian	September 23
Dave & Marion DeLarye	September 28
Ron & Ruth Hill	September 28

Sunday School Starting Soon!

It's time for the 2026/2027 Sunday School year! Open to young people ages 3 years old through 5th grade. Students gather upstairs in rooms 201 or 202 before our 10:30am worship service and return to their families before communion. We practice a rotational Sunday School curriculum where students engage with a single Bible story each month through different activities- music, games, drama, art & more. Sunday School begins on September 13th, and registration is open online. Join us this fall to meet friends and explore faith! If you have questions about Sunday School or would like to volunteer, please email our interim children's ministry coordinator at Emma@messiah-lutheranmq.org or call the church office.

Singing Messiah's "Top Ten" Favorite Hymns & Songs

This September we will sing four more of Messiah's "Top Ten" favorite hymns & songs. They are:

September 13 "Beautiful Savior" (#1 on the "Top Ten" list)

September 20 "Amazing Grace" (#3 on the "top Ten" list)

September 27 "Here I am Lord" (#5, all services) and "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" (#11, 8:30 and 10:30 only).

The remainder of Messiah's "favorites" will be sung October-December 2026. Enjoy singing and keep your ears open and voice ready for additional well-loved hymns.

Messiah's Food Pantry

Messiah now has two shelving units by the inside of the "canopy door" where food donations can be placed for the larger Marquette community. Most of the food is going to people who come to Messiah & need food assistance. If Messiah has excess food it is brought to Salvation Army in Marquette. Suggested food items for our pantry:

- cans of tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter, canned beans
- whole grain cereals, rolled oats, rice and pasta
- canned fruit and vegetables
- pasta sauce, basic dried spices
- applesauce, granola bars, juice boxes, baby foods (jars or pouches)
- shelf stable, microwaveable meals

Please check expiration dates and do not bring expired items. Take a minute to look at Messiah's food shelves and decide what you can donate. Any donations are appreciated. Thank you! - - *Betsy Little*

Fortune Lake

Nature Inspired: Fall Wellness Retreat – September 10-13, 2026 - For adults; join us for either 3 days (Friday-Sunday) or 4 days (Thursday-Sunday) to refresh, center yourself, and learn more about you and your body! Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp welcomes you back to our annual Wellness Retreat in partnership with Pam Roose of Inspiring Roots, LLC.

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

LWR InGathering at Messiah

Messiah will have their Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Truck Loading day on Saturday, October 17th 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 and call the numbers in by 10/15:

1. Number of quilts and/or kits your Circle/Quilting group has made.
2. Number of boxes that your quilts and/or kits are in.

Thank you!

Calling All Kids in 6th -12th Grade!!

We need help from you!

We would love your help loading boxes on a semi truck for Lutheran World Relief. We invite any adults & kids ranging in school grade 6-12 to help us load all of our boxes on the semi truck on Saturday, Oct 17th at 10:00 am. We need a lot of young, strong people to help for this to be a success. Please let the office know if you are willing to help. We only ask for one hour of your time. Thank you! Jen Dodge

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.

Lectionary Readings - September 2026

September 6

First Reading
Gospel

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13

First Reading
Gospel

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20

First Reading
Gospel

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10—4:11
Matthew 20:1-16

September 27

First Reading
Gospel

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Matthew 21:23-32

Brookridge Worship - September 23rd

Messiah has a worship service at Brookridge Heights on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm. Our next worship at Brookridge will be on Wednesday, September 23rd at 1:30 pm. Please join us for this worship service if you are able.

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!

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* Cheryl Anderegg upon the loss of her sister Jill and to Terri Bocklund upon the loss of her mother Jill. Jill Bocklund's funeral was held at Messiah on Friday, August 28th at 10:00 am.

UP Wild Event

Blessing of the Monarchs will take place Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:30 pm on the Peninsula Point-Stonington. Take County Road 513 off of US Hwy 2 to the Point. It is about 18 miles from US 2. Please bring a lawn chair, blankets & dress warm in case of colder weather on the Point. Parking is limited so please carpool. Check our website for any cancellations. UPWild.org

Upcoming Events in September

Sept 6 10:30 am Beach Worship at Clark Lambros Beach, led by Judy Quirk
 Sept 7 Church office closed in observation of Labor Day
 Sept 9 **Confirmation** Orientation at Messiah 6:00-7:30 pm...pizza!
 Sept 13 Start of Sunday School!
 Sept 13 Rally Day Celebration after 10:30 worship
 Sept 13 Affirmation of Baptism Planning for **Confirmation** Students 9:45 am
 Sept 14 Messiah's Handbell Choir starts rehearsals every Monday at 5:30 pm
 Sept 15 Superior Handbell Choir starts rehearsals every Tuesday at 5:15 pm
 Sept 20 Bible Sunday for all 3-year-olds, 3rd graders & 7th graders
 Sept 20 **Confirmation** Kick-off, conference-wide...at Immanuel, 5:00-7:00 pm
 Sept 20 Congregational Meeting following 10:30 worship

Assistance Fund Update (as of 8/19/26)

After two-thirds of 2026, here is where we stand:

Number of appointments seen: 202

Funds distributed: \$46,226.92

This represents an average of nearly \$6,000 per month we are sharing with our neighbors. With 4 more months to go in 2026, we can anticipate another \$25-\$30,000 in requests. Gifts to the Assistance Fund are always appreciated, and keep in mind that our biggest source of revenue is our Giving Tuesday Event which will be on December 1st this year.

Superior Connections Recovery Community Organization

Dear Messiah Lutheran Church, As president of the board for Superior Connections Recovery Community Organization (SCRCO), I would like to express our gratitude for the grant that was made by the church toward our transportation needs for the organization. The funds were part of what we needed to be able to purchase a used, but good minivan for our participants and our projects. Many of the people we work with do not have steady transportation, and therefore miss important appointments, interviews, or are unable to attend our many chemical-free activities, such as kayaking, hiking, crafting etc.

Also a shout out to Mary Beth and Paul Carstens for donating their used van to our organization as well. These 2 vehicles have allowed SCRCO to step up dramatically our effectiveness in serving our participants.

SCRCO is a local organization that is made up of peer workers(who are themselves in stable recovery from alcohol or other substances) who help in one of our recovery houses, or in Fisher house(a transitional house). We also have peer navigators who accompany our participants who are unstable or in early recovery to help them find their way back to a stable job, a place to live, medical or substance use treatment, or any other way that puts them back on the right path. Thanks again to Messiah Lutheran, *Fred Groos*



2026 Fall Lifelong Faith Formation
 September – November

For more information and to Register,
 Use the QR code or visit the synod website
<https://nslsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/>



ALL are WELCOME to share in our Fall Lifelong Faith Formation classes. We look forward to welcoming you as we gather for shared listening and learning! Six classes will meet online via Zoom with one hybrid course, meeting in-person/Zoom.

It will be great to be together this fall! Questions or concerns, please contact Sister Noreen Stevens – natevens@nslsynod.org or 651.815.1145

2026 Fall Lifelong Faith Formation Class Schedule

The Church's Role in a Divided Society: Public Deliberative Dialog

With Rev. Sharolyn Swenson and Rev. J. Michael Mills

One Session on Thursday, September 24, 2026

6:30-8:30 pm Eastern / 5:30-7:30 pm Central

Encountering God in the Modern Middle East

With Todd Holmstrom

Four Sessions on Mondays - September 21, 28, and October 5, 12

7:00-8:00 pm Eastern / 6:00-7:00 pm Central

Lutheranism 101: Lens, God's Grace, and Essentials

With Bishop Katherine Finagan, Rev. J. Michael Mills, and Rev. Tim Johnston

Three Sessions held at 7:00-8:00 pm Eastern / 6:00-7:00 pm Central

Thursday, October 29 – The Lutheran Lens,

Wednesday, November 4 – God's Grace

Wednesday, November 11 – Essential Tikbits

The Pollinator Garden

Check back for class date and time!

The Prophets: Their Voice, Context, and Significance

With Rev. Philip Johnson

Four Sessions on Tuesdays, October 20, 27, and November 3, 10

7:00-8:15 pm Eastern, 6:00-7:15 pm Central

Walking through Mark: Preparing for Year B

With Rev. Nicole Hanson-Lynn

Nine Sessions

Sundays, September 20 – November 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm Eastern, 6:00-7:00 pm Central



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What is Centering Prayer?

Centering prayer is a form of silent prayer that emphasizes resting in God's presence through silence & 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 during the week as a piece of their faith life.

Centering Prayer

In Centering prayer or meditation, we go to the Divine and still our minds and all we think we know, to receive the guidance that we have been promised. Here is an excerpt from "Manifesting God" explaining the benefits of going directly to our Source:

Manifesting God

Contemplation is not the reward of virtue, but a necessity in order to practice it. Christian history is the poignant story of how well or poorly each generation of Christians has assimilated Christ's Abba experience.

God's love has been poured forth into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given to us. Romans 5:5

...each of us has within us the whole program of divine transformation.... The spirit dwelling in each cell of the Mystical Body puts at our disposal all the spiritual gifts we need to be transformed into the mind and heart of Christ and into full participation in the kingdom of God.

Our false self develops a world-view of our own inventing. The pillars on which it rests are two: the emotional programs for happiness based on the instinctual needs of survival and security, affection and esteem, and power and control—and over-identification with the group to which we belong, whether this be ethnicity, tribe, family, nation, religion, peer group, or gang. Our unwillingness to let go of the support systems that keep our false selves in place is the source of every sin.

The true self is God's idea of who we are.

One of the Fruits of the Spirit is gentleness. Efforts to further the Kingdom are not exhausting when they proceed from the inner resource of the Divine Indwelling. The desire for success or control damages the good works of people who have not accessed this particular Fruit of the Spirit. They think mistakenly, that everything depends on them, including their own progress in the spiritual journey.

What we most despise in ourselves may be the most direct route to divine union. God wills that we forgive ourselves for our past mistakes and for whatever unwanted memories are burdening our consciousness.

Thomas Keating—Manifesting God

- - - Nancy Hamlin

Confirmation Initial Gatherings – Building Community

As we begin a new confirmation year, we're reminded that faith formation starts with community. Before students open a Bible or a catechism, they need to know they belong—to one another, to their congregation, and to the wider church across our conference and beyond.

This fall, our confirmation ministry begins with several gatherings designed to help students and families connect, meet leaders, and prepare for the journey ahead. These early steps help confirmands discover that they are part of something larger than their home congregation: a regional community of young people learning, questioning, and growing together in Christ.

For students and parents **6th - yes 6th!** - through 10th grade, please watch for emails and letters with full details. We are excited to begin this year with hope, joy, and a deep sense of God's presence among our young disciples.

Confirmation Orientation – September 9

6th (yes, 6th!)–9th graders and parents and/or spiritual guardians are invited to a confirmation orientation with Pastor Steve on **Wednesday, September 9, 6:00–7:30 pm** in Magnuson Hall. Pizza provided. Watch your email for details.

Affirmation of Baptism Planning – September 13

Students preparing to make their Affirmation of Baptism (aka, be confirmed) on Oct 25 will meet Sunday, **September 13 at 9:45 am** in the sanctuary for a brief first preparation meeting. Watch your email for details.

Conference-Wide Confirmation Kickoff – September 20

7th–9th graders will gather with youth from across the conference at Immanuel, Negaunee, on Sunday, **September 20, 5:00–7:00 pm**. Watch your email for details.

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Those who seek help from our financial assistance program; Milt & Boli Soderberg; Larry & Betty Brunton; Ernie Johnson; Peggy Letvenow; Cheryl Anderegg upon the passing of her sister, Jill; Terri Bocklund upon the passing of her mother, Jill; Jacelyn (pronounced Jack Lynn) Marra; Gloria Byrnes (pronounced Burns); Cassidy Eckloff; Sherry Watters; Renee Goyen; Stuart Harslah; Lisa Balko; Roger; Karen Sundeen; Linda Ruohoniemi; Charlie Blake; Sam Elder; Doug Morton; Jackie Greising; Al Ortlieb; Ruth Koehler; Sherrie Wagner; Betsy; Carrie Oslund; John & Rose Collins; Katie; Mary Ruman; Jeremy; Sally Olson; Carol Bell; Dorothy; Karen; Don Hillegas; Grant; Kai Dolan; Samantha; Ted; Bruce Lindberg;; Jamie; Donna; Brian; Ben; Evelyn; Karen Eldevick; Shannon; Marshall Lovan Magnuson; Peter; Shawn; Mae Desonia; Lisa Douros; 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!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Through the end of 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

Blessing of the Pets - Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 5:45pm

All members are welcome to bring their pets for a special blessing following the 5:00 service on Saturday, October 3rd, at approximately 5:45 pm. Pets are welcome to attend the 5:00 service, or you may bring your pet at 5:45 pm and meet outside the main doors or in the Atrium. Thank you!

--- Worship Planning Team

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 or Messiah's office for more information.

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 atrium. 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.

Bible Sunday!

On Sunday, September 20th at our 10:30 service, we will bless all the new Bibles for our **three-year olds, 3rd graders & 7th graders**.

In baptism, parents & sponsors promise to faithfully bring children to worship God in community, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, and to help them learn and grow. Our faithful congregation works with families to joyfully share the responsibility of these promises.

Please mark your calendars for this special date and please RSVP by 9/17 to let us know if you will be present for 10:30 worship on Sept 20th. Thank you!

Special Musical Guests - October 4, 8:30 am Worship

On Sunday, October 4th, we will welcome to Messiah special musical guests, Ameriikan Poijat, a Finnish style brass septet to play at the 8:30 service - including a prelude, Special Music, hymns, and a postlude. Over the years they have received the generous support of John & Pauline Kiltinen and will be performing in their memory. Thank you! *Worship Planning Team*

The Bells of Messiah Will Ring Once More

Yes, it is time for rehearsals or the Bell Choir to resume. The first rehearsal for the Fall 2026 season will be Monday, September 14 from 5:45 to 6:45 pm.

New members are welcome. If you've been in band, choir or orchestra in school, this may be the group you need to recapture that feeling of companionship. If you have little knowledge of musical notation or little ability to read music, you may still fit as the music can be marked. As director I have said that if you can count to four, you probably can ring bells. So please consider joining us Monday, September 14, 5:45 to 6:45 pm.

--- Judy Quirk, Bell Choir Director (906) 228-6729

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.

Different Times --- Different Voices

Clergy are messengers. Some are called as prophets, others as teachers, some are gifted as pastors (shepherds), still others as preachers and community organizers.

They do not inherit their vocation, nor is it passed down as part of any family lineage. The Spirit finds its voice as the wind blows. The Gospel beckons folks to leadership positions with faith communities from all experiences and backgrounds.

Yet, as stars sometimes line up, it comes to pass on rare occasions, a congregation hears voices from three generations of a family. In August, Josh Magnuson, a retired Secret Service agent and now a second-year student at Wartburg Seminary, preached at three Messiah worship services. His father, a one-time university chaplain, has preached over 100 sermons at Messiah over the last 20 years. Josh's grandfather, J. Otto, served as pastor at Messiah from 1955 - 64, preaching over 500 sermons as part of a wider ecumenical ministry in the Marquette community. Following Otto Magnuson's unexpected death in 1964, 20 Roman Catholic priests joined the gathering in Messiah's sanctuary for the funeral service. --- Jon Magnuson

Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice

Caregiver Support Groups Marquette – September 9, 2:00 pm 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. Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice Office, 914 W. Baraga Ave.

Telephone Based Caregiver Support Group: September 16 2:00 pm. 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 our new **phone-based** support group. For family, friends, and other caregivers who are caring for a person with a chronic illness or disability. This group is a great opportunity for caregivers who are unable to leave the person they are caring for. Please call Jamie Barbieri at 906.225.7760.

Grieving... Before Goodbye? Understanding Anticipatory Grief and the Emotions that come *before* Loss.

Are you caring for someone and feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or grieving...even before a loss? You are not alone. When someone you care for is declining, grief doesn't always wait. Presented by: Lisa Marttila, Social Worker & Bereavement Coordinator

- September 16 th 2026
- 1:00 -2:00 PM
- Ishpeming Multi-Purpose Senior Center 121 Greenwood St. Ishpeming
- Free & open to the public

Join us to learn: What anticipatory grief really is, why it happens before a loss, how to cope with difficult emotions, and ways to care for yourself while caring for others.

Community Memorial Service

Our Community Memorial Service is a time for anyone in our community to pause, remember, and honor someone they love. You do not need to have had a connection to Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice to attend. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, we welcome you to join us for this meaningful evening of remembrance and reflection.

If you are able to attend and would like your loved one remembered, you may contact us to have their name read and a candle lit in their honor during the service. To include a name, please call 906.225.7760 or email grief@lakesuperiorhospice.org

- Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 5:30 pm
- Presque Isle Pavilion, 3 Peter White Drive, Marquette

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Are you caring for a spouse, parent, relative, or friend? Join our Powerful Tools for Caregivers in person class and gain practical skills to help you

reduce stress, communicate more effectively, set healthy boundaries, and take better care of yourself while caring for others. This engaging, in-person program provides caregivers with proven tools, helpful resources, and support from others who understand the caregiving journey. Whether you're new to caregiving or have been providing care for years, you'll leave with strategies to help you feel more confident and empowered.

- No cost to attend
- Practical tips and tools you can use right away
- Virtual Via Zoom
- Supportive and welcoming environment

Space may be limited—sign up today and invest in your well-being while continuing to provide the best care possible. Thursdays from October 15 – November 19th 1:30-3:00 pm. Registration ends on 9/15. Call 906.225.7760 for more information and ask to speak to Jamie Barbieri or call 2-1-1 to register. Can also register online at www.Ucpap.org.

Messiah's Choirs - Seeking New Members!

This fall season we are looking for new voices to join Messiah's choirs! The Senior Choir performs weekly at the 8:30 service, and rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. The Celebration Choir performs 1-2 times per month at the 10:30 service. Singers of all ages (high school & up) are welcome to join anytime by emailing Sara or signing up at the Welcome Table, outside the office. We will begin this season of singing with a Cookie & Coffee time on Wednesday, September 9th from 4:00 - 5:00 pm in the Atrium. Current, new and interested members of both choirs are invited to attend! Our first Senior Choir rehearsal of the year will follow immediately after. Stop by to fellowship with us and learn more about choir! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions. ----Sara Parks, Director of Music, sarparks17@gmail.com

OWLs (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Every Monday at 10:00 am the OWLs walk at the Lower Harbor Park. After their walk, they go to Provisions for coffee. They walk at different rates and all are welcome. If you're not interested in walking, join them for coffee. Questions? Please contact Betsy or the church office.

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—steadying, stretching, and sustaining me. Amen."

SEPTEMBER 2026 Worship Volunteers

Saturday, September 5 – 5:00 pm
Assisting Minister 1 Chris Kotila

Sunday, September 6 – 8:30 am
Assisting Minister 1 Chris Harkness
Reader 1 Louise Reichert
Ushers 2 Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder
Greeters 2 Chris Harkness,

Sunday, September 6 – 10:30 am – At Clark Lambros Beach
Ushers 2 Laurel Kniskern, Jeanne Groos

Saturday, September 12 – 5:00 pm
Assisting Minister 1 Carol Steinhaus
Communion Asst 1 Barb Salmela

Sunday, September 13 – 8:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Fred Maynard
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 4 Beth Krznarich,
Greeters 2

Sunday, September 13 – 10:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Mike Hill
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 4 Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman, Sandy Lindberg,
Linda Chapman
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1 Lesley Williams

Saturday, September 19 – 5:00 pm
Assisting Minister 1 Carol Bell
Communion Asst 1 Karen Kimar-Johnson

Sunday, September 20 – 8:30 am
Assisting Minister 1 Brenda Blett
Reader 1 Keegan Schmidt
Ushers 2 Joe and Chris Harkness
Communion Assts 4
Greeters 2 Penny Streeter, Sherry Labbe

Sunday, September 20 – 10:30 am
Assisting Minister 1 Mike Hill
Reader 1 Jeanne Groos
Ushers 2 Jean Reynolds,
Communion Assts 4 Mike and Joan Hill,
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1 Kathy Godec

Saturday, September 26 – 5:00 pm
Assisting Minister 1 Karen Kimar-Johnson
Communion Asst 1

Sunday, September 27 – 8:30 am
Assisting Minister 1
Reader 1 Brenda Blett
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 4 Beth Krznarich,
Greeters 2

Sunday, September 27 – 10:30 am
Assisting Minister 1 Molly Luty
Reader 1
Ushers 2
Communion Assts 4 Sandy Lindberg, Linda Chapman,
Greeters 2
Projection Technician 1 Inga Banitt

Preaching Schedule

Aug. 29/30 Pr. Rell Spickerman
Sept. 5/6 Judy Quirk, Lay Leader (*no communion served*)
Sept. 12/13 Pr. Rell Spickerman
Sept. 19/20 Pr. Steve Solberg
Sept. 26/27 Pr. Rell Spickerman

Messiah's Church Staff:

Pastoral Staff:

Interim Pastor.....Steve Solberg

Support Staff:

Parish AdministratorJennifer Dodge

Administrative AssistantKathy Godec

Parish AccountantMike Hill

Financial Secretary.....Anne Rydholm

Interim Children's Ministry

Coordinator.....Emma

Olechnowicz

Music Staff:

Music/Choir Director.....Sam Parks

Organist/Pianist.....Kathy Strazzinski

Jon Barritt

Bell Choir Director.....Judy Quirk

Pianist.....Jacob Schmalzer

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