

Quilts and Kits

Lutheran World Relief Shipping date is Saturday October 9, 2021, 9-10:30am. **Thank you** to all who helped load the boxes and to Rick Pink for volunteering to take our boxes to Gladstone.

During these uncertain times of COVID, worship continues to be offered weekly. Saturday worship continues each week at 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Sunday morning worship is available on Zoom as well as worshipping in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. If you choose to worship in person, please wear a face mask and practice social distancing. Also the Coffee Hour has been suspended for the foreseeable future. Join us every week for worship in the way you find the safest.



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00am
November 7, 2021. Be sure to set your clocks back **one hour** the night before.

Gifts to our congregation have been given in memory of

Violet Sundling

Anna, Karin, Elsa & Tom—Roofing Fund

Join us for Bible Study

The Monday night Bible study group will be
and 4th Mondays. Pr. Tommy will be leading our



meeting at 6:30, every 2nd
study on the book of John.

We will meet in person in Augustana Hall. Be sure to wear your mask and social distance. If you have any questions about this opportunity for study, please contact the office.

If you have something you would like to have in the Beacon, please have it to the office by the **third Sunday** of the month. The goal is to have the Beacon in homes before the first of month.

Circle News

The Circles will be able to start their monthly meetings on September 14th. If you are not a member of a circle and would be interested in joining one, please contact any one of the following ladies for more information:

Sarah Circle—Liz Macklem

Joy Circle—

Ruth Circle—

Hope Circle—Sheila Clark

The **Sarah Circle** meets on Mondays at 1:00pm

The **Joy Circle** meets on the second Thursday at 10:00am.

The **Ruth Circle** meets on the third Wednesday at 11:30am.

The **Hope Circle** meets on the third Thursday at 6:00pm.

Be sure to check with your Circle Leader to find out if and where your circle will be meeting.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

October 3 —Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

October 10— Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16,
Mark 10:17-31

October 17— Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

October 24—Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

October 31—Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36



On Sunday, October 31st we will receive in to membership Gayle and Chris Cartland and Fred and Laurie Nauman. Please take a moment to say hello.



This year we will once again be filling Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need in our community. We will be filling 4 baskets instead of the 6 we have done in the past. MDHSS no longer manages this program and the Kiwanis must rely on St. Vincent, Good Neighbors, and the Escanaba Salvation Army for the list of families. The menu is the same: Turkey for a family of 3-4, potatoes, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, rolls, butter or margarine, cranberry sauce or jelly, frozen pies or some other dessert, coffee, milk, fruit, nuts, candy and Thanksgiving napkins. If you are able to help you can use the sign up sheets in Augustana Hall or call the church office with the items you would like to donate. All items need to be at the church by November 21st. The baskets will be delivered that day.

All Saints Sunday is November 7th. Join us for worship as we honor those who been Zion's family through Holy Baptism. Blake and Eldon Kangas will be honored with the and an engraved medallion.



our 10:30 am welcomed into Kangas, Riggs Kangas lighting of a candle

Those Who Serve In October

Readers: 10/3 Rick Pink
10/10 Karen Klaus
10/17 Rick Pink
10/24 Clyde Johnson
10/31 Rebecca Peterson

Altar Flowers: 10/24 Hoss & Pat Toenneson
Bulletin/Bread & Wine: 10/10 David & Gloria McGuire

We are looking for people who can help with gardening at church. Bushes need to be trimmed, plants cut back in preparation for winter and weeds pulled from everywhere! No need to sign up, just pick a spot and clean it up! Thanks!

Church Attendance Report

	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
July 3/4, 2021	15	23	6
July 10/11, 2021	15	23	10
July 17/18, 2021	18	25	12
July 24/25, 2021	12	31	12
July 31, 2021	14		
August 1, 2021		30	4
August 7/8, 2021	15	23	12
August 14/15, 2021	18	37	14
August 21/22, 2021	12	32	4

August 28/29, 2021	20	34	7
September 4/5	14	38	10
September 11/12	17	29	6
September 18/19	22	37	6
September 25/26	21	37	10

News from Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital

- **Full Visitor Restrictions are in Effect**
- **Follow Frontline UPdates on Facebook for daily updates on hospitalizations in the Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan.**
- **3rd Dose Pfizer Boosters for the public are available for those 65 and older and residents in long-term care settings. People 50-64 with underlying medical conditions. People 18-49 with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster based on their individual benefits and risks. People 18-64 who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a booster based on their individual benefits and risks.**
- **Immunocompromised Individuals who received a previous mRNA vaccine are eligible to receive a 3rd dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. The 3rd dose vaccine should be administered 28 days after the second dose. Call 341-3775 to schedule an appointment.**
- **Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital offers Monoclonal Antibody treatments. If you test positive, talk to your healthcare provider to find out if a Monoclonal Antibody Treatment is an option for you. Monoclonal therapies can also be prescribed to individuals who had a close contact exposure to a positive case. Contact your primary care provider to learn more.**
- **Please do not visit the Emergency room for COVID-19 testing. Testing times have been expanded to offer individuals more flexibility during the week at our drive through on Southtown Drive. If you are waiting for results, check your Healthlife Patient Portal. Results are uploaded in real time.**
- **Now scheduling flu shot appointments. Plan ahead and schedule your flue shot. Call 341-2153 ext. 1**

If you have more questions call the hospital at 341-3200 or the Rural Health Clinic at 341-2153 or check online.

*“What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?”
~Romans 8:31ff*

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,
This verse has been coming to mind lately... When we needed to cancel our Walking Together events, what then shall we say to this? When hospital beds are full of covid patients, leaving little room for accidents and other health emergencies, what then shall we say to this? As people continue to disagree about vaccine safety, masks, and protocols, what then shall we say to this? God promises in Christ, that God is not against us. This is good news. But what if we are against each other? When suspicions are stronger than the ties that bind, when the conviction of political views undermines our common mission and congregational unity, what then shall we say to this? I think we look for answers, for a diagnosis, for someone to explain or blame. Perhaps we stop listening and only assert our position more loudly. Perhaps we seek to convince instead of understand. I believe it helps to remember that we are not the first people of faith to argue, lament, suffer, and disagree. The Israelites in the wilderness certainly suffered uncertainty, fear, and pain. And they also grumbled and complained. Paul’s letters to the Galatians, the Corinthians, the Colossians and more give witness to each congregation’s challenges, from persecution and fear to how to get along and remember their purpose. In his letters, Paul makes an effort to remind people of faith who they are in Christ and what that means. In the midst of the grief and weariness of all that we must face in these days, I ask you to remember who you are in Christ Jesus, and all that Christ calls you to do and be, no matter the circumstances.

Matthew 22:35-44 reads, “...and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” I encourage you to weigh your words and your actions, your social media posts and your conversations, your opinions and convictions, against the metric that Jesus provides, love of God and love of neighbor. While I know there is interpretive room as to how to live these two commandments, I would like to think that remembering love of God and neighbor can indeed help shape our actions and our words in these days, as it has always meant to. What does it mean to you to love God with your whole heart? What does it mean to you to love your neighbor as yourself? And who do you consider to be your neighbor? Jesus answered this question for us with the parable of the Good Samaritan. If we apply historical context to contemporary circumstances, our neighbor is anyone whom society considers “less than.” Or in the nitty gritty details of the parable, anyone that you would rather not be obligated to,

anyone you would rather not have touch you, anyone whom the dominant culture considers free to disparage, exclude, ignore, ridicule, oppress, or denigrate. As you know, loving people that we dislike or do not understand is not easy. And yet, Christ's call upon our love, our speech, and our actions remains. I encourage you to remember in this pandemic wilderness that "this too shall pass." A time will come when either the pandemic will be managed, or some other new reality will emerge that feels less anxious. Then we will have the luxury to argue about new things and disagree about something other than the current disputes. Whatever the future holds, we are the body of Christ now, called to show the world the rest of what Paul writes in his letter to the church at Rome in Romans 8:38-39, that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

A Message from Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Regarding Refugee Resettlement

So much has unfolded in the past several days regarding the resettlement of refugees from Afghanistan and it is a very fluid, evolving situation. We sincerely appreciate all your prayers and the many efforts to help. Here is the latest information and ways people can help in these efforts. In order of urgency:

- The [Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan website](#) has been updated with the most current needs and information. The greatest need is for monetary donations.
- There are many other ways for congregations to support the urgent needs of refugees. Those within 100 miles of Milwaukee will be able to support directly with in-kind and volunteer service in a variety of ways. Those further away can still help with various in-kind donations and volunteer services, but in different ways:
 - Weekly Zoom calls will be set up to share updates and answer questions. Our goal: a key contact person from each congregation willing to help will attend and both share the updates with their congregations and raise questions as we go along. The focus of these meetings will be coordinating the volunteer and in-kind needs, and more will be shared on the financial need as well.
- LSS needs congregations who are willing to “sponsor” a refugee family. They would work closely with LSS Refugee Resettlement staff. They can be a local connection to a caring community that helps the family feel welcome by checking in with the family almost daily to see how they are doing and to inquire about their needs. A congregation may be able to assist in finding permanent housing, furnishings for their new home, etc. As you know, each congregation is equipped with people blessed with different talents and connections to resources. Working closely with the LSS staff, this would mean so much to the refugees and be a huge blessing!

Thank you so much for caring so much about these new neighbors who are arriving in the US. We all want to help and LSS is both humbled and overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and support we’ve received.

A People of Hope: Until All Are Fed

You’re invited to an online benefit for [ELCA World Hunger](#) featuring [Rick Steves](#) and more on **Thursday, October 14 at 8:30 pm ET / 7:30 pm CT**. As a church, we remain

focused on supporting our neighbors near and far as the pandemic continues disrupting and impacting lives. No one is better positioned and more experienced than the church in addressing hunger — both immediate needs and root solutions. We are ready, able, effective and efficient. [Register now.](#)

Prayfaithfully Devotions

Check out [Prayfaithfully](#) on our Synod website!

People from the Northern Great Lakes Synod write weekly devotionals. Make daily devotions a part of your routine, you'll be blessed by this inspiring discipline.

Check out our upcoming devotions:

September 26-October 1 by Pastor Micah Cavaleri

October 3-9 by Pastor John Kuziej

October 10-16 by Pastor Christina Forsythe

Maybe God is inspiring you to write for this synod devotional resource. If interested, contact Betsy Koski in the Synod Office, (906) 228-2300 or bakoski@nglsynod.org.

Transitions

We give thanks to God for the interim ministry of **Pastor Matt Deames** and pray God's blessings on Pastor Matt upon his retirement from ordained ministry at the beginning of September. Thanks be to God for the interim ministry of **Pastor Sue Johnson and Pastor Dwaine Sutherland**. We pray for God's blessings on them as they both transfer out of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. We give thanks to God for the ministries of **Pastor Stacy Pethke** who served Faith and Trinity, Ishpeming and **Pastor Ann Gonyea** who served Eden, Munising. We pray God will bless them in their new calls. We celebrate with the following congregations and pastors:

- Faith, Sault Ste. Marie and **Pastor Rita Chirala** as she was installed on August 29.
 - Bethel, Cedarville and Zion, Allenville as they finally got to install **Pastor Renee MacLeod** on Sunday, September 12. Thanks be to God for new ministry partnerships!
- We welcome the following pastors and their families to the Northern Great Lakes Synod:
- **Pastor Steve and Pastor Evelyn Weston** began their intentional interim pastoral duties at Bethel, Ishpeming on August 16. They also serve as administrative interim pastors for Trinity and Faith, Ishpeming.
 - **Pastor-Elect Jack Busche** and his wife Sydney who started ministry at Grace, Gwinn on August 30. Pastor-Elect Jack will be ordained and installed on October 9 at 11 am ET.
 - **Pastor Lloyd Leo Luedeman** and his wife Amy who started ministry at Grace,

Pembiné on September 1. Pastor Lloyd will be installed on October 10 (time TBA).
• **Pastor Elisabeth Daniels** and her husband Wesley who started ministry at First, Gladstone on August 30 and will be installed on October 17 at 3 pm ET.

Pastoral Vacancies and Interims

Our Savior's, Marinette—Katy Tomlanovich, Student

Faith, Three Lakes—Rev. John Kuziej

Community, Palmer & Suomi—Virginia Paulson, LLM Bethlehem, Florence—Rev. Lisa Ubbelohde

Bethany, Mohawk—Larry Molloy, LLM All Saints,

Wakefield & Sharon, Bessemer—Rev. Kay Richter

St. James, Rudyard—Rev. Matthew Lamb

First, Iron River—Rev. D.J. Rasner

Christ the King, Escanaba—Lon Hider, Student

Faith, Rock & First, Trenary—Melissa Salminen, Student

Bethany, Ishpeming—Rev. Bruce Thorsen

Prince of Peace, Marquette—Rev. Molly Eversoll

Bethel, Ishpeming—Rev. Steve & Rev. Evelyn Weston

Faith & Trinity, Ishpeming—Rev. Steve & Rev. Evelyn Weston

Eden, Munising—Rev. Tommy Richter

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