



The MESSENGER

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Pastor's Pondering

“... *The church became stronger, as the Holy Spirit encouraged it and helped it grow.*”

Acts 9:31 CEV

Amazingly, we have a few plants emerging from the ground in the yard around our home. They are only visible through close inspection as they are covered by debris from the winter - decaying leaves and grass. Even after plants appear they are difficult for me to imagine what plant will grow from the small green shoot.

This brought to mind a connection to our congregation. What ministries is God emerging here at Memorial United Methodist Church? Like emerging plants, new ministries originate from a seed God has planted within a person or persons. What ministries is God growing in you? Also like emerging plants, new ministries may not be visible without close inspection. New ministries may be covered with debris from our past that needs to be cleared away for us to discover them. As we engage in our Lenten practice of Lament, God is clearing out the debris in our lives exposing the sprouts of new life springing from within us. Have you closely inspected your life to see with your spiritual eyes what God is growing within you? If you notice God sprouting a new ministry for you to initiate or to be involved in, does your inability to imagine exactly what it might grow into cause you to ignore it? How might you take the first step to nourish the barely perceptible new ministry sprout God's Holy Spirit is growing in you? Some first steps might be prayer, trying the ministry out, conversation with a friend, or some other ways that connect you to the Holy Spirit in you.

God is growing us to become a stronger church. What new ministry is God growing in you?

Grace,
Pastor Tim

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus

Worship during Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 14 8:30 & 10:30
Maundy Thursday, April 18 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 19 at noon at Bay College
Easter, April 21 8:30 and 10:30

Easter Flowers

If you would like to honor or remember someone this Easter with spring flowers, please fill out the pink form on the table by the front door and turn it in to the office **by Wednesday, Apr. 17**. Then order your flowers from whichever florist you want.

Education News

Lack of volunteers has been an on-going problem for the last few years in our education area. It has now caused us to end our children's Sunday School earlier than normal for the summer. The last day of our children's Sunday School is Sunday March 31st.

The lack of volunteers for education is a complex issue which will involve our church leadership discerning how to move forward in solving this problem. If you are interested in helping with this discernment, please contact me.

I invite all of us to be in prayer for wisdom for our leaders as we seek God's guidance. Pastor Tim

Youth Events

Lenten Food Drive

April 7th - All types of cereal and breakfast foods.
April 14th – Fixings for a casserole

Lenten Soup Suppers 6:00 and Special Speakers 6:30 TUESDAYS

4/2 Doug Leisenring Delta-Schoolcraft ISD Supt
speaking Mental Health Task Force
4/9 David Williams Pres. & CEO UP State
Bank Elder Financial Abuse
4/16 Bill Raymond CEO MI Works! UPWARD
Talent Council

We are looking for people to cook the Tuesday Lenten Suppers. A simple soup supper is what we have in mind (soup, rolls or crackers, dessert). Reimbursement money is available. Please see the sign-up sheet by the bulletin board in the narthex.

Baby Shower Tim and Rebecca Worth cordially invite you to join them in celebrating their little miracle, Benjamin Alexander on April 6 at 1PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 S Lincoln Road, Escanaba. More information and a sign-up sheet are on the bulletin board.

Tim and Rebecca joined our church several years ago but are rarely able to attend on Sunday because Tim plays organ at Immanuel.

“Thank you” to Terri Branstrom, Joyce Rabitoy, Dave Borden and Connie Ness for cleaning the church kitchen. It looks great!. Lots of elbow grease was used.

In May, the kitchen floor will be replaced. All appliances will first be moved out. We also hope to have the walls scrubbed and painted. More info will follow.

Sally Brainard, Trustees

The Service Guild will have its first meeting of the season at 1:30 on Wednesday, April 17th. Nancy Peterson will be the hostess. All ladies are cordially invited for fellowship, devotions, and dessert.

On Saturday, April 13, the Youth will make **fresh, homemade pizzas** to sell the following day after worship. They will be taking orders on March 31 and April 7.

MARSP Dinner Youth are needed to set up and do prep cooking on Monday, May 6, at 5PM. Parents and others are need Tuesday, May 7, 9AM – 2PM.

Mother’s Day (May 12) **Cinnamon Roll Sale**

“Movie Night” the **3rd Saturday of the month 6PM** features a teen movie in the youth room and a kid movie in the gym (in case you have little siblings or cousins). Free theater-style popcorn & beverages!

“Youth Sunday” the **3rd Sunday of the month** – Be a liturgist, reader, usher or greeter at the 10:30 service.

The **Youth 2019** event in Kansas City is July 10-14.

“**Mission of Hope**” – This mega-outreach to people in Delta County who are poor, lonely, or downtrodden is all day Aug. 24. Many area churches are already on board with planning this. That same evening the **Christian Band “Newsboys”** will be performing.

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Metal Recycling: Start saving your metal. Jim Stammer contacted A & L Scrap about having a dumpster for a couple of weekends in May where people can bring in scrap metal that we can then get money for. They will accept all types of metals including washed, crushed cans and even strings of Christmas lights.

Rummage Sale May 3-4 ← Save the date. When you do spring cleaning, save your stuff!

Thank you, to Dorell Kirschner and Leroux Strom for making over two dozen handmade cards for Nancy Campbell to send out to people in the congregation. Nancy is thrilled.

Memorial's "Someone Special"

Memorial is so blessed to have dedicated people who are so willing to share their love of music. Memorial's choir, sometimes small in numbers, has come prepared to sing the morning anthem, sharing a message that so often many of us think just happens. These fine people commit themselves to Wednesday practices and singing in the morning worship service. We all know how busy our lives can get, and they all give the time it takes so willingly! THANK YOU! Many of those same people volunteer during the summer to sing when choir does not meet. Anyone who wants to share their musical talents is invited to join choir. Contact Dave Hagen, Memorial's Music Director, if interested. A HUGE thank you goes out to each and every one of you. You are so much appreciated.

Creative Cards have been designed by the Knitting Group for sale for \$2 each. Please check them out in the narthex, by the bulletin board.



4/1 Angela Brunette Mikki Petersen	4/13 Breanne Johnson Jeff Moore
4/3 Kathleen Gilbert Jason Jorgensen Christine Morrow Thomas Viau	4/14 Alexandra Jorgensen 4/15 Carolyn Taylor 4/17 David Florenski
4/5 Laura Doneau Melvin Marlett Emma Wyman	4/18 Ryan Juhola Kyra Keeker
4/7 Dorell Kirschner Bill Springer	4/19 Matthew Hampton 4/20 Kallie Donovan Lillian Wery
4/8 Daytona Johnivan Jack Thomas III	4/25 Jack Thomas IV 4/26 Leah Lesnieski
4/9 Pam Blixt	4/27 Tim King
4/10 Peter Jensen Emily Klotz	4/28 Jamie Hoehn Rachel Johnson Janice Watson
4/11 Russell Casey	4/29 Bill VanDeVusse
4/12 Owen Mattonen	4/30 Joseph Ostlund

Prayer List

Rebecca Worth and unborn baby
 Don Hopper of Kalamazoo
 Warren & MaryAnn Hubbard
 The family of Craig Nordness
 Jessica LaCosse's father, grandfather, aunt
 Mason Robitaille and mom Bailey
 Marianne Watson Milkowski
 Tom Watson of Seattle
 Dennis and Doreen Summach
 Rebecca Benson, Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor
 Muslims murdered in Mosque
 People of New Zealand
 Paula Wright
 Anna Vanderwal
 Baby Mason
 Abram Johnson
 Phil Nicewonger
 Maggie Moore
 Allie
 Kristee Arndt
 Bud Baltic
 Donna Becker
 Shelby Jean Boris
 Tom Butch
 Nancy Campbell
 Joan Cook
 Dan
 John Hansen
 Callan Hughes
 Mary Ann Heubler
 Karen Johnson
 Katy and Brian
 Larry Kirschner
 Deb LaPorte
 Marcy Makosky
 Larry Martin
 Billie Marmalick
 Karen Owens
 Bev Regts
 Christine Stephens
 Dorothy Wagner
 Ethan Winling
 Jill Deno
 Sid King
 Pat Nelson
 Ken Lambert
 Joy's Uncle Sid King
 Heather Lynn Plimpton
 Family of Mary Cheyne
 Julie Backlund
 Barb
 Bryan Blixt and family
 Chloe Borish
 Jim & Lois Boydston
 Ginger Clairmont
 Chris & Kim Diamond
 John Gudwer
 Caroline Hart
 Walt and Lettie Houghton
 Alice Jensen
 Chris Jensen
 Tom Jensen
 Krissy
 Krista
 John Marchak
 Rebecca Marchak
 David Martin's family
 Gary Quick
 Tammy Reser
 Anna Vanderwal
 Kenny Wilson

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Acolytes: Rachel Johnson and Abbigail Skjolaas

Altar Guild: Jan Johnson, Helen Palo, Allison Desotelle

Coffee:

April 7
April 14
April 21
April 28

Communion Servers: Sandy St. Aubin, Gary & Jan Johnson

Counters:

April 7 Laurie Kaufman de la Garza and Allison Desotelle
April 14 Laurie Kaufman de la Garza and Susan Lagina
April 21 Nancy Peterson and Allison Desotelle
April 28 Nancy Peterson and Sharon Block

8:30 Greeters:

April 7 Lettie Houghton and Eileen Collins
April 14
April 21
April 28

10:30 Greeters:

April 7
April 14
April 21 youth
April 28

Liturgists:

April 7 Willy Mannisto
April 14 Leslie Nault
April 21 youth
April 28

Muffins:

April 7
April 14 Nancy Campbell
April 21
April 28 Teresa Myers

Pianists at 8:30

April 7 Deborah Hubbard
April 14 Lisa Myers
April 21 Kathy Young
April 28 Deborah Hubbard

Readers:

April 7 Kathy Young
April 14 Paula Wright
April 21 youth
April 28 Willy Mannisto

Ushers: Allison and Kole Desotelle

The Altar Guild needs two more people for 2019. Volunteers serve with two other people to cover two months of the year. Please talk to Berta Johnson if interested 428-2241 or 280-3250.

CPR Certification

Connie Nault, a CPR instructor, will be teaching CPR here at Memorial at 9am on Saturday, April 13. The cost is only \$35 and, upon completion, you will be certified. Please call Connie Nault 280-7550 by Apr. 8 if interested.

Memorial United Methodist Church Members,
On behalf of the 175 Gladstone and Rapid River school students receiving weekend food backpacks, thank you so much for your continuous financial support. Your regular backpack giving supports our ability to improve the quality and nutritional value of the kids' weekend food. With the help of churches like MUMC, no Gladstone or Rapid River school child should be going hungry over the weekend.

Thank you for your generosity toward this ongoing local need.

Gladstone-Rapid River Kiwanis Club
PO Box 22
Gladstone, MI 49837

The Bay de Noc Choral Society is having its annual Spring Concert Palm Sunday, April 14 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba at 1:30 PM. A free will offering will be taken. The concert theme is "Songs of Peace" and bells, brass and the Holy Name Children's Choir will perform with the Chorale. All are welcome.

Camp Michigamme

The Church Camp season is quickly approaching. Please get your camp reservations in early. Deposits can be done online or mailed in.

Families are welcome for work bees as children can pick up sticks and help move debris. Meals are provided - we just need a count ahead of time. Youth groups are also welcome! Overnight stays are possible.

There are fundraising brochures out on the table by the front door showing the needs for our wonderful NEW 2 story Building to be built this summer at Camp Michigamme. These are a brown brochure and they list items desperately needed to complete this building. The building is being built and closed in by a construction crew, but volunteers are needed in May and June to complete it.

Also, our own Gladstone Cabin NEEDS a new roof this year (before we lose it). We do have funds for the materials, but we would need helpers for a work bee, or more funds donated to hire professionals to do it.

Dates	Camp Session	Grades/Ages	Rates
May 11	The BIG Clean Day	All ages (no childcare provided)	FREE
May 17-19	Work Bee Weekend	All ages (no childcare provided)	FREE
May 20-21	SOLO Wilderness First Aid	18+	\$250
June 3-5 and 8	American Red Cross Lifeguard Training	16+	\$200
June 12-15	Mission Experience Camp	Grade 6 – adult	\$175
June 15	Camp Michigamme Day	All ages welcome	FREE for EVERYONE
June 16-22	Senior High Camp	Grades 10-12	\$350
June 23-29	Science Explorations Camp	Grades 7-12	\$350
June 23-29	Northern Skies District CASS Service Trip	Grade 6 and up	\$TBA
June 30 - July 1	Teddy Bear Camp	Ages 4-grade 2 with an adult	\$75 adult, \$50 child
July 1-3	Michigamme Survivor	Grades 7-adult	\$175
July 7-12	Soccer Camp	Grades 4-8	\$335
July 9-12	Mini Elementary Camp	Grades 3-6	\$250
July 13-20	Summer Games Leadership Development	Grades 11-College	\$320
July 14-19	Summer Games	Grades 4-10	\$335
July 21-27	Junior High Camp	Grades 7-9	\$350
July 28-Aug. 3	Elementary Camp	Grades 4-6	\$350
August 1-3	P.R.A.Y. The Good Book	Grades 1-5	\$175
August 4-8	Family Camp	All (<4 yr free)	\$75/person
August 8-11	Harmony Retreat	Adult Women	\$295-\$325*
August 12-15	Quilt Retreat I	Adults	\$200
August 15-18	Quilt Retreat II	Adults	\$200
August 23-25	Scrapbook Retreat	Adult Women	\$175
Sept. 12-15	Emmaus Walk Men	Adult Men	Inquire
Sept. 19-22	Emmaus Walk Women	Adult Women	Inquire
Sept. 28-29	Fall Family Retreat	All	\$75 per independent youth, special family rates inquire