



## The MESSENGER

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### *Tell me the stories ...*

Stories from the Bible help us connect God's story to our own stories. We see ourselves in the characters. We imagine how we might react in the situations. We wonder how the God of Bible stories may be acting in the stories of our lives. We may ask what the God of our lives is inviting us to learn from the people of God who came before us. We may even begin to tell our stories in a new way, a way that opens up new possibilities and opportunities for us all.

So, for the rest of the summer, we're going to be exploring the five Bible stories the children learned this year at Vacation Bible School. Each Sunday we'll see a skit that retells the Bible story, then consider what God may be saying to us about our own lives through that story.

July 28 - Daniel in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6)

August 4 - The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

August 11 - Travelers on the Emmaus Road (Luke 24:13-35)

August 18 - The Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

August 25 - Queen Esther (Esther 4-9)

I'm also hoping, as we continue getting to know each other, you all will continue to share your stories with me—the stories of your lives and families and communities, and the stories of Memorial United Methodist Church. Tell me the stories of where you experience God (or where God seems to be missing). Tell me the stories you most want to remember (or the ones you'd like to forget). Tell me what new story you may be trying to live into (or what old story you're hoping to move beyond). And, if you ask me, I'll be glad to tell you some of my stories.

Together, I'm confident, we can discover what next chapter God is calling us to tell, as *we live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!*

Grace to you,  
Pastor Cathy

## Contacting Pastor Cathy

I am glad to be here at Memorial UMC and excited to get to know you all. I am also here to serve as your pastor and want to be available when you really need your pastor. To that end, here are a few guidelines and preferences I have for being contacted.

### Open Office Hours: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

I'll be at the church and generally available to meet with whomever drops by. (I'm glad to meet with you at other times and places by appointment.)

### Email: [pastor@gladstonechurch.org](mailto:pastor@gladstonechurch.org)

Email is best for sending information, asking non-urgent questions, and conducting church business. I will generally respond to email within 24 hours, if not sooner, Sunday through Thursday; Fridays and Saturdays I may not be checking as often.

### Office Phone: (906) 428-9311

The Office is open 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday – Thursday, staffed by Lisa Myers. She will generally know where I am if I'm not in the office. You can always leave a message on the office answering machine, and either Lisa or I will respond as soon as possible. I will check messages on Sunday morning before and after worship services. Messages left on Friday or Saturday might not be heard until Sunday.

### Cell Phone: (734) 646-6922

Call or text if you have a more urgent need to contact me. Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., I'd prefer it be a serious need that cannot wait. If you call, please do leave a voice message if I don't answer. I will listen to the message and return the call as soon as possible, usually within a few minutes and seldom longer than an hour.

This is a bit of a "work-in-progress" as I get to know you all and the rhythms of pastoral ministry here. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk it over with me directly. If you have preferred ways of being contacted, please let me know.

Thanks so much,  
Pastor Cathy

*We live to proclaim the love of Jesus*

## Sunday Morning

9:30 Worship – includes a staffed nursery

**Communion** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

## Summer Music

We thank the many musicians who shared their gift with us this summer and who will be sharing these next 5 Sundays. Every single Sunday is now filled through Labor Day, after which the Jubilee Choir and Glory Ringers will once again be providing us with inspirational music.



## Fall Harvest Extravaganza

Saturday, Oct. 19 9:00-3:00

Crafters, sewers, knitters, bakers, candy makers, shoppers, workers, lunch makers/servers, etc. ALL are welcome and encouraged to participate!

Our 2018 Extravaganza was a huge success with proceeds over \$10,000. (Half of this amount was received through the generous anonymous donation of matching funds.) The 2018 proceeds were used for our much-needed kitchen repairs. This year's proceeds will be split 90% to the general fund and 10% to the missions fund.

This event is open to local vendors so that they can rent a table here and sell their wares.

Start planning now for this community-wide vendors' fair, craft sale, bake sale, and soup luncheon.

Contacts: Leroux Strom and Dorell Kirschner



## Youth Events 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

### Fresh homemade pizzas for sale

Order after worship on July 28 or by calling the church by noon on Thursday, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.

On Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00, the youth will carefully create each pizza ordered, so that you may pick them up on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> after worship.

Proceeds will make it possible for the Youth to attend the **Christian Band “Newsboys”** concert at the Fairgrounds on Aug. 24.

### Lock-in on Aug. 9 – 10

Friday 7pm – Saturday 10am. FUN ... FUN ... FUN

**“Youth Sunday”** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month –  
Be a liturgist, reader, usher or greeter.

### “Youth 2019”

Seven youth from this congregation went to the National Youth Conference “Youth 2019” in Kansas City, MO. They are Ethan Jensen, Allie Livingston, Sarah Myers, Teresa Myers, Abigail Skjolaas, Ally St. Aubin, and Amy St. Aubin. The adults who went with them are Tracy Jensen and Lisa Myers.

Thank you for your donations and support of their fundraisers. The youth will be talking more about their experiences at the next Youth Sunday on Aug. 18 at 9:30.

### “Meet Up and Eat Up”

Gladstone Schools are serving free lunch to children 18 and under at the Jones School Cafeteria on 10<sup>th</sup> St. 11:45 – 12:30 every Mon. – Thurs. through Aug. 23.

Dear Memorial UMC congregation,

Thank you so much for the beautiful funeral service and dinner following. It was wonderful to gather with family and friends to celebrate Pat's life and how she touched each of us. We especially thank Terri Branstrom for meeting with us and putting together the service. We thank Kathy Young for playing music and Pat Waeghe & Jan Johnson for beautifully decorating the altar. We also thank Lettie Houghton and Susan Lagina for coordinating and serving the delicious meal.

With much appreciation,  
The family of Pat Rudenberg

Dear Gladstone Memorial UMC,

If it wasn't for faithful and dedicated supporters like you, it would be difficult for us to exist. You are the backbone of Grace Children's Hospital.

Thank you for supplying the funds needed to continue our mission to serve the children and families of Haiti. Our heartfelt gratitude for standing with us to invest in their futures!

Sincerely,  
ICC USA Board & Staff

## Sunday Morning Volunteers

### Altar Guild:

Susan Hampton, Tracy Jensen, Allison Desotelle

### Coffee:

Aug. 4  
Aug. 11  
Aug. 18  
Aug. 25 Val Johnson

### Communion Servers:

### Counters:

Aug. 4 Nancy Peterson and Barb Hess  
Aug. 11 Chris Morrow and Allison Desotelle  
Aug. 18 Chris Morrow and Barb Hess  
Aug. 25 Nancy Peterson and Allison Desotelle

### Greeters:

Aug. 4 Nault family  
Aug. 11 Lorna Benson  
Aug. 18 youth  
Aug. 25

### Liturgists:

Aug. 4 Kole Desotelle  
Aug. 11 Kole Desotelle  
Aug. 18 youth  
Aug. 25 Joy Jorgensen

### Muffins:

Aug. 4  
Aug. 11  
Aug. 18  
Aug. 25

### Readers:

Aug. 4 Leslie Nault  
Aug. 11 Alice Butch  
Aug. 18 youth  
Aug. 25 Kathy Young

**Ushers:** Kevin Sodermark and Marvin Sodermark

## Memorial Fund Report

Memorials have been received for the following faithful members of Memorial Church:

- **Gerry Papas**, mother of Judy Tochterman and Joanne Hill
- **Pat Rudenberg**, mother of Sharon Skjolaas and great-grandmother of Abigail Skjolaas
- **Millie Young**, mother of Sandy St. John, grandmother of Allison Desotelle, and great-grandmother of Kole.

Thank you to all who have given in memory of these three beautiful ladies.

Memorial monies from Blanche Bjork were used to purchase a new bird bath for the Memorial Garden. Blanche was a Junior Choir Director in our church for many years and faithfully sang in the choir. THANK YOU.

## Someone Special at Memorial UMC

Many, many thank you's to the people who helped in a variety of ways to make Vacation Bible School a great success. The kids and adults who were a part of the worship service showed the enthusiasm during their puppet presentation and music. It takes many hands to pull off a VBS. Those of you who volunteered did a fantastic job! You went to Mars and beyond. I am sure many of the kids will have fond memories of this past VBS. Thank you for stepping forth.

## Is fall in the air?

As the summer winds down and we start thinking and planning for the Fall programs and activities at church, please remember that all expenses need to be approved before purchase. The summer months fly by so quickly, and people always try to squeeze one more outing, vacation, activity or weekend away. Thank you to all who have kept your pledges current even though you may not have been in worship service. The Finance Committee met, and it was reported that we were able to pay our first apportionment for the year. Hopefully as things get back to routine, we will continue to pay this important mission of our church. It won't be long before nominations will take place, and the annual stewardship campaign will be underway. Always remember to keep Memorial in your prayers as we continue to be the best stewards of what we have been given. Thank you.

**Church Conference – Sept. 17 at 7PM**

## Our “noisy offering” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays goes to Heifer Project International --

Dear Friends:

Thank you for partnering with Heifer International. We have received \$500 from your group of donors. Through your generous gift of animals and training, families learn to become self-reliant farmers and entrepreneurs earning steady incomes. In short, you give them the hand up - not the hand out - they need to provide for their families, once and for all.

With your support, women are empowered to stand on their own. Parents are emboldened as they can now provide food for their families year-round. Children are equally educated as they are able to go to school, regardless of gender. These transformations would not be possible without your help.

Thank you for your commitment to creating a better world as we work together to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth.

Sincerely,

Pierre U. Ferrari

President and CEO

## Vacation Bible School Report

Vacation Bible School cost the church less than \$200 due to 3 donations. One person donated the puppet. Another donated the decorations, and a third person donated all the food. Without these donations, the cost would have been \$1,000.

“Thank you” to all who helped with Vacation Bible School. It takes many, many volunteers to make VBS a successful outreach into our community! Below are the names of the coordinators for each area. Almost all of these coordinators had numerous people working with them.

**Head Coordinator:** Connie Ness

**Decorating:** Mary Hagen

**Assembly time:** Devin Messina and Kole Desotelle

**Video & Sound:** Tracy Jensen

**Science:** Sam Jensen

**Crafts:** Becky Leonoff

**Recreation:** Teresa Myers

**Music:** Joy Jorgensen

**Storytelling:** Cassie Stock

**Kitchen:** Terri Branstrom

**Photography:** Dave Palo

Below is a note from the Boy Scouts that says,  
 "Thank you so much for the use of your  
 building for our training."

## Prayer List

Anna Vanderwal	Keaton Jarvey
Chris Zurek	Arnold and Jan
Susan Lindgren	Steven Cowen
Marsha Skellenger	Brandon Grignon
Wayne Waeghe	Michigamme campers
Tom Jensen	Scott Vallier
Rebecca Orhanen	Family of 10-yr-old Zach
Our Youth Group	Family of Tina Kallenemeni
Alana Etko	Cheryl McIntyre
Allie	Kristee Arndt
Julie Backlund	Bud Baltic
Barb	Donna Becker
Baby Bennett	Rebecca Benson
Shelby Jean Boris	Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor
Chloe Borish	Jim & Lois Boydston
Tom Butch	Ginger Clairmont
Dan	Debbie Dehlin
John Gudwer	Chris & Kim Diamond
John Hansen	Caroline Hart
Mary Ann Heubler	Walt and Lettie Houghton
Callan Hughes	Alice Jensen
Chris Jensen	Tom Jensen
Karen Johnson	Katy and Brian
Krissy	Krista
Tom and Molly Kurtis	Jon Lohrbach
Marcy Makosky	John Marchak
Rebecca Marchak	Billie Marmalick
Larry Martin	Cheryl McIntyre
Bev Regts	Heather Lynn Plimpton
Tammy Reser	Mason Robitaille and mom
Dorothy Wagner	Marianne Watson Milkowski
Kenny Wilson	Tom Watson of Seattle
Ethan Winling	Dennis and Doreen Summach

## Grief Groups

**OSF Hospice** offers two types of opportunities to grieving families:

- a Grief Group which meets the second Tuesday of every month from 1 to 3 at Central UMC in Escanaba
- a Grief Luncheon at Drifter's Restaurant at 11:30 on Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Dec. 18.

**The UP Health System Hospice** offers a bereavement support group on the last Thursday of every month from 4 to 5:30 at St. Thomas Church.

All of these opportunities are open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. More information is on the bulletin board.



## -- Birthdays --



8/3 Linda Lanasa	8/17 Emma Jensen
8/5 Betty Nyquist	Joy Jorgensen
8/6 Baylie LaVigne	Leslie Nault
8/7 Adele Ostlund	8/18 Jamie Doneau
8/8 Jeffrey Donovan	8/19 Kathy Young
8/10 Jim Boydston	8/20 Brienne LaVigne
Piper Stevens	8/21 Fredrick Hoehn
8/11 Ricky Campbell	Michael Oxford
David Campbell	8/22 Sally Brainard
Dylan Campbell	8/25 Wyatt Jorgensen
Dick Johnson	Billie Marmalick
8/14 Samuel Jensen	8/26 Andy Fase
Julie Springer	8/27 Megan Skjolaas
8/15 Nancy Peterson	8/31 Ashlee Johnson
8/16 Jacob LaCrosse	



Did you know that our district owns a camp on beautiful Lake Michigamme and that Gladstone Memorial UMC has its very own cabin? Furthermore, Memorial UMC has scholarships to help you attend these camps. See the flyers scattered around the narthex, and call the church office if you are interested in going to a camp.

Every year our very own Nadine Waeghe helps lead “Harmony Camp,” which is an opportunity just for adults to enhance their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. See the flyer below. For more information, talk to Pat Waeghe

**AUGUST 8 -11, 2019**  
**CAMP MICHIGAMME**  
**HARMONY RETREAT**  
**Health and Wellness Camp**

Join us to experience true harmony through practical activities and lessons that address physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Be inspired to create, develop, and nurture a healthy lifestyle. This weekend will promote health and joy in your life as well as relax and refresh your mind, body and spirit.

**COST \$325**

FITNESS CLASSES: YOGA, TAI CHI, POSTURE, STRETCHING, BODY MECHANICS AND MOVEMENT

SPECIAL LECTURES ON NUTRITION AND INTEGRATIVE WELLNESS

PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND WORSHIP

HIKING, KAYAKING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

HEALTHY AND TASTY FOOD AND FUN.

REGISTER AT [WWW.CAMPMICHIGAMME.ORG](http://WWW.CAMPMICHIGAMME.ORG)

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**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

- 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

**NO TAPE OR ADHESIVES**

As the walls are being freshly painted, no tape of any kind or sticky adhesives can be used to hang posters, information, or decorations. This is for every wall in the church — plaster and brick. Years of hanging things on the wall and then removing them is pulling off the paint and sometimes the plaster or is leaving a grease mark.

Please use the bulletin boards in classrooms & narthex and the strips in the hallways. If you must hang things other than those places, contact the Trustees, and they may be able to help you by installing a strip.

It is an added expense to repair the plaster or extreme cleaning treatments before painting, and obviously we want the freshly painted walls to look nice for a long time. Please DO NOT hang anything on the walls. THANK YOU.