



# The Messenger

November 2019

*We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!*

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**Please join us for worship at 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings**

*If the only prayer you say in your life is “Thank You” that would suffice.* —Meister Eckhart

Meister Eckhart’s words stir in my soul each year as November rolls around. In this month of Thanksgiving, in each of our conversations with God and one another, can’t you just sense a heartfelt “Thank You” ripening deep within, waiting to be offered in prayer?

November begins with a celebration of All Saints Sunday, a day to remember, to honor, and to say thank you for the saints who have touched our lives. At worship on Nov. 3, we will gratefully recognize those dear ones from our congregation, community, and families who have died in the past year, sharing our loss and celebrating the gifts we continue to carry from them.

The second Sunday, Nov. 10, we will be remembering, honoring, and saying thank you for the military veterans who have served our country with dedication and valor, helping to make possible our freedom to gather and to worship the Prince of Peace.

On Sunday, Nov. 17, those of us who aren’t in the woods, will gather with gratitude for the abundance of the harvest and for all who labor to put food on our tables. We’ll share prayers of gratefulness for the Venison Project, for the generosity and effort that makes it happen each year.

And on Nov. 24, as we mark the end of the Christian liturgical year with Christ the King Sunday, we’ll be saying “thank you” for the best gift of all, Jesus Christ, whose kingdom we long to live into, and are grateful to glimpse through the lens of gratitude.

Oh, and for those of you who are in the woods this month, Meister Eckhart offers you this:

*Anyone who truly knows  
creatures may be excused  
from listening to sermons  
for every creature is full  
of God and is a book.*

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### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

- 8:30 First Worship Service
- 9:30 S'MorE: **S**unday **M**orning **E**ducation (intergenerational)
- 9:30 Traditional Adult Sunday School – an Adam Hamilton study on John Wesley
- 10:30 Second Worship Service

*There is a staffed nursery during 10:30 worship.*

### **All Saints Sunday**

On Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, as we celebrate All Saints Sunday, we remember loved ones who have gone to their eternal home in these past 12 months:

Charles Lundmark	Francis Bellant
Bryan Blixt	Mary Lou Hanson
Joan Cook	Anna Vanderwal
Geraldine Papas	Denny Price
Patricia Rudenberg	Bill Guertin
Melba Young	Carol Cole
David Nemacheck	Joanne R. Pérez
Randy Roeske	

We also remember loved ones in whose names the following items were purchased with memorials.

A bird bath for the Memorial Garden was purchased with money donated in memory of **Blanche Bjork**.

The Organ Portfolio was purchased with memorials donated in memory of **Barbara Nemacheck, Fern Grossnickel, Elizabeth Hart, and Cliff Harrison**.

### **Dedicate a Sunday**

October 25<sup>th</sup> worship was dedicated by Bernie and Norma Erickson in memory of their parents Clarence & Inez Erickson and Leonard & Gladys Kositzke.

If you would like to dedicate a Sunday in honor or memory of someone, please fill out a card that is on the small black table by the bulletin board and include \$300. Pictures can be emailed or given to Lisa in advance if you wish to have them on the screen. This is a wonderful way not only to remember those who have passed but also to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, wedding anniversary, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa in the office.

### **United Methodist Student Day –Nov. 24**

This special offering dates all the way back to 1866 when it was decided to set up something for the education of both children and those preparing for the ministry or missionary work. The fund now provides scholarships and loans from UM churches to students who are attending either UM-related schools or other colleges and universities. In a given year, there may be around 3,000 scholarships awarded (about \$1,500 each) as well as 500 or more student loans (about \$2,500 each). Students who receive loans are very responsible about repaying them, and this helps the whole system keep going.

### **Food Drive**

November is the month for our annual food drive. Please place all items in or by the shopping cart just outside the sanctuary. All items are accepted each week except for perishables, which must be brought on Nov. 24 only. The weekly foci are as follows:

Nov. 3 breakfast foods

Nov. 10 lunch foods

Nov. 17 supper foods

Nov. 24 paper products **and perishables**

### **Only Coats Needed**

Thank you for all the donations of clothing for the clothes closet. We now have enough and are only taking coats. We need to first sort and fold/hang before asking for more.

## Venison Project

Please spread the word to all hunters that if they are interested in donating their deer to help feed hungry people, they can take their field dressed deer to Steve Soderman's on Days River Road, Viau's in Escanaba, or the Garden Mini Mart. All three of these will process the meat for free, although if you are taking the deer to Garden Mini Mart, you must first skin the deer.

**Hope at the Inn** (the homeless shelter) is having a training for new volunteers and refresher course for returning volunteers on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 6:30pm at Wellspring Church in Escanaba's mall by ShopKo.

**Musicians needed** (singers and instrumentalists) to perform in a Christmas Concert to benefit Hope at the Inn. The concert is on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 4pm and is sponsored by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. If you are a musician willing to share your gift on Dec. 14, please contact Bev Thompson 553-2105 by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> if possible.

## HATS OFF! (no pun intended)

Hats off to all those in the congregation who helped contribute mittens, hats, and gloves to our collection drive in October. All of these items will be welcomed by children and youth in our community to help keep them warm this winter. A special thank you goes out to Norma Erickson, who hand crocheted over 60 individual hats. Norma, our drive would not be the success it is without your dedicated help and support.

The items collected will be evenly distributed to local Gladstone schools, as well as both Gladstone and Escanaba St. Vincent-de-Paul Christmas baskets; also the Salvation Army Christmas baskets.

A very large thank you to everyone who so willingly supports our various mission projects.

~ Memorial United Methodist Mission Committee

**The Service Guild** will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 1:30. All ladies are invited to enjoy dessert & fellowship and a devotion. Jan Watson will be the hostess.

## Fall Harvest Extravaganza

### THANK YOU

The woodworking, painting, knitting and much more can be set aside for a few months, but the results of those who contributed to the Extravaganza was great! With additional sales after worship, a total profit of \$3,798 was made. Two hundred people paid to shop on Saturday, and the feedback was very positive. A huge thank you to Leroux Strom and Dorell Kirschner who for the past six months have planned, worked on getting vendors, worked on projects and kept everyone organized. Thank you to all who contributed to the bake sale, making crafts, or worked in any way for the sale. The cinnamon rolls and lunch were delicious—thank you for the great food and the workers in the kitchen. The profits were designated 90% to general fund and 10% for missions. Thank you to the participating vendors; we look forward to seeing you next year. Shortly after the first of the year Leroux will be having a planning meeting for next year's Extravaganza. Watch for the announcement and be sure to share with her any comments that you might have. It takes many hands to make this event happen with such success. Thank you!

## Memorial's Someone Special

The many volunteers that make things happen in the life of Memorial—think about it just a minute, almost everything we do requires the time and talent of a person or persons. Who would our Church be if there were not those people who give so willingly of their time to do the projects and programming of our church? Where and what do we at Memorial want our church to be doing in 2020? In five years? The office has the Time and Talent Questionnaires ready for you to complete and return. We appreciate you always doing some of the same things but maybe it is time that we try a new area that would stretch our talents a little. Maybe after thinking and praying about it there is something new that Memorial hasn't done that you would like see happen in the life our church. If so talk to Pastor Cathy or leave a note in the office and with YOUR help this may just happen. The church is only as active as the people that attend. Small groups are such a vital part of the church, it just isn't the lesson learned but the fellowship that takes place.

Please take the time to complete and Time and Talent and return to church. This information is used so many times during the year finding people who are interested in the areas where the work is needed. THANK YOU!

**The Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets at 10AM on Thursdays. Pat Clark leads the study. They are studying Ephesians. New members are always welcome.

**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. Proceeds go to the building fund.

## Sunday Morning Volunteers

**Acolytes:** Sylvia Nault and Paige Stammer

**Altar Guild:** Gail Johnivan and Gloria Herod

**Coffee:**

Nov. 3 John Ettenhofer  
Nov. 17  
Nov. 24

**Communion Servers:** Leroux Strom, Val and Emily Johnson

**Counters:**

Nov. 3 Nancy Peterson and Susan Lagina  
Nov. 10 Chris Morrow and Allison Desotelle  
Nov. 17 Chris Morrow and Sharon Block  
Nov. 24 Nancy Peterson and Allison Desotelle

**Greeters (first service):**

Nov. 3 Virginia Petersen  
Nov. 10  
Nov. 17 Lettie Houghton and Eileen Collins  
Nov. 24 Nannette Martin

**Greeters (second service):**

Nov. 3 Dennis and Cheryl Stanek  
Nov. 10 Dennis and Cheryl Stanek  
Nov. 17 youth  
Nov. 24

**Muffins:**

Nov. 3 Cheryl Stanek  
Nov. 17 Nancy Campbell  
Nov. 24 Diane Bishop

**Pianists:**

Nov. 3 Kathy Young  
Nov. 10 Deborah Hubbard  
Nov. 17 Deborah Hubbard  
Nov. 24 Kathy Young

**Readers:**

Nov. 3 Alice Butch  
Nov. 10 Susan Lagina  
Nov. 17 youth  
Nov. 24 Kathy Young

**Ushers:** Dave and Peggy Lewis

## Prayer List

A friend having a major medical procedure and her grandmother who has to fly there to care for her. Haylee and Trenton Tolman

Alice's brother Bill Smith

Bernie & Norma Erickson

Melissa Kempfer

Bob Jasmund

Megan Lundin

Sandy L.

Kathy Martin

Julie Bishop

Dale Kositzke

Kristee Arndt

Bud Baltic

Donna Becker

Rebecca Benson

Chloe Borish

Lori Branstrom

Ginger Clairmont

Debbie Dehlin

Chris & Kim Diamond

John Gudwer

John Hansen

Mary Ann Heubler

Walt and Lettie Houghton

Chris Jensen

Dick Johnson

Katy and Brian

Krista

Susan Lindgren

Marcy Makosky

Rebecca Marchak

Larry Martin

Heather Lynn Plimpton

Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor

Mason Robitaille and mom Bailey

Marianne Watson Milkowski

Tom Watson of Seattle

Dennis and Doreen Summach

Kenny Wilson

Bud Clark

Mike Esler

Nancy Campbell

Ray Young

Ray Young

Ethan Jensen

Dorothy Forvilly

Allie

Julie Backlund

Barb

Baby Bennett

Shelby Jean Boris

Jim & Lois Boydston

Tom Butch

Dan

Sylvia Dye

Alana Etka

Sue Halloran

Caroline Hart

Callan Hughes

Alice Jensen

Tom Jensen

Karen Johnson

Krissy

Molly Kurtis

Jon Lohrbach

John Marchak

Billie Marmalick

Cheryl McIntyre

Bev Regts

Tammy Reser

Dorothy Wagner

Marvin Sodermark

Wayne Waeghe

Ethan Winling

## Halloween Carnival

Thank you to all who helped and donated to the Halloween Carnival and Trunk or Treat. Over 500 people attended! With numbers like this, we'll need all the help we can get next year. Mark your 2020 calendar for the last Saturday in October.

## Movie Night

Our free movie night with Feature Films is at 6pm the third Saturday of every month during the school year. A children's movie plays in the gym, and a teen movie is shown in the Youth Room. There is theater-style popcorn and sometimes other snacks – all free.

Invite your neighbors, friends, and cousins. This is a great way to invite into the church someone who would never otherwise set foot inside a church.

Licensing requirements prevent us from publicly advertising the movie titles, but they're well-known feature films. (Call the office for details.)

## Baptism

*On Oct. 13 we celebrated the baptism of James Craig Klotz, son of Craig & Hattie Klotz and brother of Emily.*



11/2 Shepard Gaudino	11/18 Sylvia Nault
11/3 Katherine Juhola	11/19 Reese Buckley
11/5 Jax de la Garza	11/23 Stashia Kuhlman
Connor Florenski	11/24 Larry Kirschner
Samantha Frizzell	Dennis Stanek
Terry Hampton	11/26 Alan Jensen
11/6 David Hagen	Ethan Juhola
Lisa Lancour	Virginia Petersen
11/9 Meredith Marlett	Angela Stone
11/13 Gary LaMarche	Grace Taylor
11/14 Valerie Johnson	11/29 Mike Esler
Ryan Oshe	Sandra Keeker
Laura Webber	Marlene Maulding
11/15 Joanne Hill	11/30 William Morrow
11/16 Nancy Campbell	

**Time & Talent Sheets** were in the bulletins on Oct. 27. There are extra ones on the long table by the front door. Instead of being randomly asked to do things you're really not interested in, sign up for what you like to do! Fill out a Time and Talent sheet this week. Copies are on the table by the front door.

## 2019 PASTY NEWS!

Another successful MUMC pasty sale and FUN-raiser was had by all! This Church continues to amaze me with all the wonderful volunteers that step up to the plate to help us make those Yummy pasties every November! You guys and gals are AWESOME! I want to Thank each and every one of you - all of you that gave us your 2 hours of valuable time, my fabulous caller, Jan Watson and my main "on their feet" women, Alice Butch, Susan Lagina, Laurie Kaufman, Denise Messina (and Devyn), and Jan Johnson. The Veggie crew on Friday works with that noisy Potato machine pounding away with Alice Butch at the helm, and Bernie Erickson at the French Fry machine. The Evening Dough experts sling dough, flour and water under the sharp eye of Denise Messina. Saturday lasts for over 12 hours and the laughter resounds long after the crowds have come and gone! Weary workers go off with hair bonnets still on, leaving trails of flour and carrying the aroma of fresh pasties!

We include ALL ages, and let me tell you they all help! We had awesome youth workers doing dough, setting up tables, washing trays and learning to roll dough and fill pasties - these "kids" know how to work! Our oldest workers helped cool and wrap pasties keeping the Sales Floor full and organized! Many stepped up to do extra hours. I am SO PROUD of each and every one of you and I am Proud to call you my Church FAMILY! Our final count and tally will be given out sometime in November so you can see how much GOOD we accomplished. Now, all of you enjoy a good, fresh, HOT Pasty for dinner on the cold November and winter evenings (you can call to see if we have extras left). See you next November! Pat Waeghe

## Christmas Concerts:

Bay de Noc Choral Society presents “Joy to the World,” a celebration of this carol’s 300<sup>th</sup> birthday, on Sunday, **Dec. 1**, at 1:30 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba. A freewill offering will be taken.

A benefit concert for Hope at the Inn will be held on Saturday, **Dec. 14**, at 4:00 at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Escanaba.

**Life Line Screening** will be at Memorial on Nov. 22 to do non-invasive and painless health screenings.. The screenings scan for problems related to blocked arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, hardening of the arteries, atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, and a bone density screening. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979.

## 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.

## How does your pastor feel???



## Glad, grateful, and a little embarrassed.



Seriously, I am overwhelmed by the thoughtful cards and generous gifts I received during October, which I understand was “pastor appreciation” month (here I thought it was “Mitten Month”). Thank you all so very much for the many, many ways you let me know I am appreciated.

And please know how much I deeply appreciate all of you, our congregation, this community, and our ministry together. God bless you all!  
Pastor Cathy



Each day in November, “build meals” for our

# Harvest Food Drive

**Monday-Saturday add items to a grocery bag. On Sunday, bring all the items for the “meal of the week” with you to worship.**

## **Week One: Breakfast**

- Monday: boxes of cereal
- Tuesday: boxes of breakfast bars
- Wednesday: fruit juice
- Thursday: boxes of instant oatmeal
- Friday: shelf-stable milk
- Saturday: pull-top canned fruit (in juice)

*Sunday, take it all to church!*

## **Week Two: Lunch**

- Monday: pull-top cans or packs of tuna
- Tuesday: applesauce
- Wednesday: peanut butter
- Thursday: boxes of crackers
- Friday: pull-top cans of soup
- Saturday: pull-top cans of stews and chili

*Sunday, take it all to church!*

## **Week Three: Supper**

- Monday: pasta and rice
- Tuesday: instant mashed potatoes
- Wednesday: cans of beans
- Thursday: cans of vegetables
- Friday: cooking oils
- Saturday: canned meat (chicken, salmon, ham)

*Sunday, take it all to church!*

## **Week Four: All the Fresh Stuff (Perishables)**

- Monday: potatoes
- Tuesday: fresh vegetables
- Wednesday: pre-mixed bags of salad
- Thursday: fresh fruits
- Friday: yogurts
- Saturday: cheeses

*Sunday, take it all to church!*

***Note: These are only suggestions. Please take advantage of “buy-one, get-one” sales and other bargains or helpful ideas you come across to maximize the ministry. Thank you!***