



The Messenger

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Many of you know that I am a cabin counselor at Lake Louise Camp for the week of choir camp, which is for youth 3rd grade through 12th. My co-counselor and I have 8 young ladies who are in the 9th-10th grades.

Camp begins on a Sunday and ends the following Saturday with a fabulous concert given by the campers for their friends and families. You may be wondering how these youth can give a concert that is fabulous in only a week's time. Let me explain. The choir meets twice a day—once in the morning and once in the afternoon, and they practice for about an hour and a half each time. The other reason they do so well is their director, Sara Hazen. She encourages and directs in a manner that the youth respond to.

Your youth may say to you, "I don't like to sing." My reply to that is, "There are other activities you may enjoy." Twice a day, we have what are called "contract classes," which can be sports activities, doing mandalas by the beach, kayaking, learning to knit, tie dying, games, or my favorite—learning how to be a Yooper. These classes are fun.

We are also fed well. I can honestly say that in all the years I have gone to choir camp, I have never had a bad meal. We sometimes even get to have picnic-style lunches outside.

There is also morning praise in the chapel and evening vespers by the lake. But more than all of that, we are surrounded by nature, love, and acceptance no matter where we come from. They even take Yoopers as counselors and campers.

This well-rounded camp is always in the first week of July. I know that missing the 4th of July may sound terrible, but the experience of this camp well makes up for missing the 4th.

This year will be my 26th year of counseling for this camp. If it wasn't a great camp, do you think I would have gone this many years?

If you are interested in going or have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or neighbor youth who may want to go, please contact me and we will make it happen. It will be their best week of the year!!

Shalom, Pastor Terri

**newsletter deadline:
Wednesday, March 27**

Links to Worship

Find an up-to-date schedule for activities, links to on-line worship, and our current prayer list on the church website: www.gladstonechurch.org. You're welcome to call the office with questions: 428-9311, or email: mumc@gladstonechurch.org. Worship information, links, livestreaming, and videos are also on YouTube and Facebook:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBY-ZTh99gQBtHG3n2kbyuQ>

<https://www.facebook.com/Memorial-United-Methodist-Church-of-Gladstone-MI-117593394926699/>

Special Worship Services

Mar. 10 Girl Scout Sunday & UMCOR Sunday
Mar. 24 Palm Sunday
Mar. 28 Maundy Thursday & Communion 7 p.m.
Mar. 29 Good Friday 7 p.m.
Mar. 31 Easter 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to honor or remember someone this Easter with Easter lilies, please tell us **by Wed., Mar. 27** who you are honoring or remembering. Then bring your lilies to the church by Easter (March 31).



UMCOR Sunday – March 10

The special offering on March 10 provides major support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which offers immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. UMCOR Sunday giving allows 100% of designated gifts throughout the rest of the year to go to the specified disaster response or other ministry.

Daylight Savings Time

Please remember to set your clocks *ahead* one hour on the night of March 9. We will have extra coffee on hand Sunday, March 10, to make up for losing an hour of sleep.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Special Speaker Series

~ 5:00 soup supper and 5:30 special speaker ~
Please sign up if you plan on attending the meal.

The speakers are:

- Mar. 6 Samantha Frizzell
– Michigan Works Youth Specialist
- Mar. 13
- Mar. 20 Cheryl Ohman from Lakestate Industries

February Financial Report

Our giving for the general fund of February has totaled \$12,056. Our month's goal is \$13,616. Please give regularly so that all commitments can be met that we are responsible for. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Wescott.

Spring Cleaning

While you are cleaning your house and garage this spring, please remember the church **rummage sale** (May 2 – 4) and the **metal drive** (Apr. 26 – May 5). If you are just “itching” to get items out of your house and can't wait until later in April, you can bring them to the church now. Put clean indoor things in room 5. Outdoor items will have to go in the church shed. There is limited room in there, so talk to Lisa about where we can put it.



3/1 Jessica Stock	3/16 Nicole Bratonia
3/3 Kristine Jensen	Lois Johnson
3/7 Diane Bishop	3/20 Jason Viau
3/8 Jonathan Mattonen	3/22 Devin Messina
Justin Mattonen	3/25 Chris LaMarche
3/9 Dylan Messina	Teresa Myers
Ashley Thomas	Kaleb Warm
3/10 Alice Butch	3/26 Frank Landenberger
3/11 Sadie LaLonde	3/27 Sara Goodman
3/12 Maggie Buckley	3/29 Lorna Benson
3/14 Sophia Trotter	3/30 Cheryl LaCarte
3/15 Jan Goodman	3/31 Alex Chenier, Jr.
Tyler LaFond	Michael Keeker, Jr.

Prayer List

Family and friends of Art Easterbrook
Family and friends of Doris Begalle
Family and friends of Mary Robinson
Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine

Mindy A.	Lorna Benson
Beth and Sarah Benson	Sue Bratonia
Tom Butch	Nancy Campbell
Bud and Pat Clark	Steve Cowen
Bette DeRoeck	Ian Goldi
Nancy Grondine	Paul Hammond
Nancy Harger	Caroline Hart
Walt Houghton	Jim Hubbard
Juan Jodocy	Liz Kempfer
Cheryl LaCarte	Lisa Lancour
Marcy Makosky	Toni Marchese
Rebecca Marchak	John Myers
Rodney Potvin and family	Helen Palo
Josiah Pryor	Jordan R.
Marv and Pat Sodermark	Debbie Rosen
Pam Thorbahn	Tricia and family
Shannon Hagen	Michael Enright
Ashlee (Johnson) Marklin and baby	

Alms boxes

The boxes in the back of the sanctuary are “alms boxes” for the season of Lent. One way to use them is every time you are tempted to buy a treat for yourself, put the money in the alms box instead. Then present it on the altar on Easter, and it will go toward the “Readers to Leaders” project. This special fundraiser promotes education here in Michigan and in Liberia.

Memorial Fund

Lettie Houghton would like to call attention to our Memorial Fund. She is encouraging people to give in memory of Eileen Collins, who recently passed away, or in memory of any of our wonderful people who are still a loved part of the history of this church. Whether they passed on recently or years ago, we still remember the pew they always sat in or the ministries that were distinctly “theirs.”

Sunday School Teachers Needed

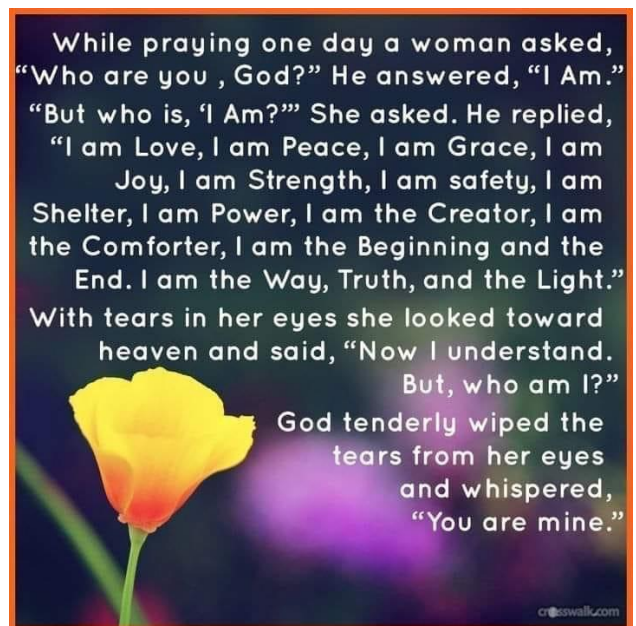
Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to teach during the 2nd half of worship for one or more Sundays. Curriculum is available, or you can use your own ideas.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Please sign up on the purple sheet to be a Reader, Usher/Greeter, Coffee Host, Muffins (or other snack) Provider, or Communion Server.

Game Nights

Starting in April, we will have Game Night the third Saturday of the month at 5:00. See you on April 20th!



The **Bay de Noc Choral Society** will have their spring concert at 1:30 on Sunday, April 7, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8-4 Gym in use	2 1-3 Music Co-op
3 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bells 12:00 Pickleball 1:30 Girl Scouts	4 10-7 Gym in use 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Bible study	5 8:30-4 Gym in use 5:30-7:30 Gym	6 9:00 Knit 10-4 Gym in use 5:00 Soup Supper 5:30 Special Speaker 7:00 Choir	7 8:30-3 Gym in use 5:30-7:30 Gym	8 8-4 Gym in use	9
10 <i>UMCOR Sunday</i> <i>Girl Scout Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bells 12:00 Pickleball 1:30 Girl Scouts	11 10-7 Gym in use 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Bible study	12 8:30-4 Gym in use 5:30-7:30 Gym	13 9:00 Knit 10-4 Gym in use 5:00 Soup Supper 5:30 Special Speaker	14 8:30-3 Gym in use 5:30-7:30 Gym 7:00 Band	15 8-4 Gym in use	16 1-3 Music Co-op
17 <i>Noisy Offering</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bells 12:00 Pickleball 1:30 Girl Scouts	18 10-7 Gym in use 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Bible study	19 8:30-4 Gym in use 2:00 Missions 5:30-7:30 Gym	20 9:00 Knit 10-4 Gym in use 5:00 Soup Supper 5:30 Special Speaker 7:00 Choir	21 8:30-3 Gym in use 5:30-7:30 Gym 6:00 Band 6:30 Church Council	22 8-4 Gym in use	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bells 12:00 Pickleball 1:30 Girl Scouts	25 10-7 Gym in use 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Bible study	26 8:30-4 Gym in use 5:30-7:30 Gym	27 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9:00 Knit 10-4 Gym in use 7:00 Ecumenical Choir practice	28 8:30-3 Gym in use 6:00 Band 7:00 Maundy Thursday service	29 8-4 Gym in use 7:00 Ecumenical Good Friday service here	30

March 31 Sunrise Service 7 a.m., Easter Celebration Service 10:30 a.m.