



# The Messenger

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

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Psalm 139:14 says “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

As I look around this wonderful world, I notice similarities and differences in family members. In my family, there are 5 siblings. I have an older sister, a younger sister, an older brother, and a younger brother. We are similar, yet different. I believe this is probably true in most families.

In my husband’s family there are 4 girls and 4 boys. Once again, they are similar, yet different. My husband is the third in the line-up. I have many cousins and I think I would be correct in saying in each of their families they are similar and yet different.

When we think about all the similarities and differences in our families we can’t help but wonder how the Almighty God could knit us together to be similar, yet different. It is truly amazing. Years ago, my friend, Rev. Terry N. Gladstone said something very profound. She said, “You are a unique and unrepeatable miracle of God.”

Think about it. The human genome contains an estimated 19,000 to 20,000 genes. These genes, which are made up of DNA, provide the instructions for creating proteins. In other words, there is no one like you in the whole world.

Sometimes we are able to track specific genes or familial traits. My dad’s mom was the church organist for many, many years. She shared her love of music with all her sons (They had no daughters). In fact, my one uncle was a band director. Her sons shared that love of music with their children. And so, I credit my grandma for my love of music. Was the love of music genetic or a familial trait? I’m not sure.

Of my 4 grandparents, only my mom’s dad had blue eyes. All the others had brown. Yet, when I had our daughters, 3 out of the four have blue and only 1 has brown. I know you know that the blue eye gene is recessive. So how did I get 3 blue eyed daughters and only 1 brown eyed daughter? Genetics or familial trait? (My stubborn blue-eyed grandpa?)

Like Terry Gladstone said, each of us is a very unique and unrepeatable miracle of God. My mom would probably say, thank God there is only one of me. (LOL)

As you watch the world go by, look at each person and thank God for the diversity of gifts and graces God has given each person. Thank you, God, for all you give us.

Shalom, Pastor Terri

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### 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](http://www.gladstonechurch.org). You're welcome to call the office with questions: 428-9311, or email: [mumc@gladstonechurch.org](mailto: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 Music for Summer

Please sign up on the bulletin board or by calling the office to provide special music for worship (vocal or instrumental). We'd appreciate hearing from you, your family, or friends.

**newsletter deadline:  
Wednesday, June 25**

**We thank the Dean and Denise Messina for repairing the kitchen sink hose and the back door.**

### Graduate Recognition

**Claire Marlett** is graduating from Escanaba High School. You may remember her playing trombone in Memorial's Christmas pageant.

**Devin Messina** will be graduating in December from the University of Minnesota Crookston with Bachelor's degrees in Production Horticulture, Environmental Landscaping, and Golf and Sports Turfgrass Management.

**Andie Balenger** graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Master's in Administration of Outdoor Recreation and Nature-Based Tourism.

### Sunday Volunteers

Please sign up on the bulletin board to:

- Serve communion
- Usher & Greet
- Bring a treat
- Host coffee hour
- Read scripture

**Wear Red** on June 8 to celebrate Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit filled the followers of Christ, often referred to as the birthday of the Church.

**Thank you** to Nancy Campbell and others who wrote letters/cards to the Women of Valor who were on the Honor Flight on May 21.

### **Bible study:**

Adam Hamilton's "The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World" explores six key themes in Jesus' teachings, examining why they matter and how they resonate with modern audiences. The book delves into concepts like repentance, the Sermon on the Mount, parables, and the "I am" sayings in John, emphasizing Jesus' message as both life-changing and world-changing. It encourages readers to consider how Jesus' teachings can be applied to close the gap between the world as it is and the world as it's supposed to be, particularly in areas like justice, poverty, and love.

This Bible study meets on **Monday evenings 5:30 – 6:30** in the youth room.

## Vacation Bible School June 23-26

### Volunteers are needed to

- Assist with 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders (9am – 3pm)
- Help Lead the PreK – K (9am – noon)
- Provide a snack
- Register children
- Provide a lunch or a supper for the 3-4 young adults from Fortune Lake Camp who will be leading V.B.S.
- Provide ice cream for the ice cream social on Thursday and/or help serve it 2:30 – 4:30

**Please** sign up to help for one or more days. Your help is greatly needed. The sign-up sheet is in front of the display cabinet, or you can call Lisa 428-9311 or use this link:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A8A923A1F8C43-56470729-vacation#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A8A923A1F8C43-56470729-vacation#/)

Please also register your children, grandchildren, neighbors, friends, etc.

**Yellow forms or the QR code below** are for those going into first through sixth grade.

**Blue forms** are for ages 4-6 (those going into pre-school or kindergarten). The preK & Kindergarten VBS is in the morning only. The grade school VBS is 9:00-3:00. There will be a program on the last day (Thursday) for the parents/grandparents to attend, followed by an ice cream social.



To sign elementary kids up, you can use this QR code, or call Memorial. To sign up children going into preschool or kindergarten, call Memorial 428-9311.

**Game Nights** are suspended for the summer. We will, however, have a cookout with songs around the campfire on Saturday, July 19.

## Yard Clean-up

We thank the following people for cleaning the church yard on May 20: Dave & Carol Borden, Sandy Galleske, Bill & Bonnie Buchmiller, Jeanne Wescott, and Brenda Balenger. We also thank Diane Oxford and Sally Hampton for cleaning out the Memorial Garden.

We thank Escanaba Steam Laundry for letting us use their elegant table cloths free-of-charge for our MARSP dinner.

## Prayer List

Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine

Millions of people no longer receiving U.S. Aid  
8<sup>th</sup> grade students going to Washington, D.C.

Family of Joyce Osterberg

Mindy A.	Lisa Richer Barta
Lorna Benson	Beth and Sarah Benson
Tom Butch	Kim Standing Bessonon
Nancy Campbell	Bud and Pat Clark
Kristin Cutcher	Bette DeRoeck
Ian Goldi	Nancy Grondine
Shannon Hagen	Jeff Hanson
Nancy Harger	Jim Hubbard
Hueneman family	Gail Johnivan
Joshua	Dorell Kirschner
David LaCarte	Christopher Lund
Toni Marchese	Rebecca Marchak
Louis Martin	David McCarley
Jeanette Mineau	Annie Molinier
Betty Nyquist	Rodney Potvin and family
Josiah Pryor	Kris R.
Jordan R.	John Rector
Debbie Rosen	Brynlee Scott
Tim	



6/3 Bonnie Oshe	6/14 Charles Peterson
6/7 Petra Lagina	6/17 Joy Large
6/10 Kay Shapy	6/19 Thomas Jensen
6/12 Finley Stevens	6/23 William Morrow
Jeanne Wescott	6/24 Emma Bowden
	6/29 Abbygail de la Garza
	6/30 Cheryl Asbury

**Free Meals for Ages 18 and Under at Jones School** EVERY Monday thru Thursday in June and July. Breakfast is served in June only from 8:30-9am. Lunch is served at 11:30 – 12:30pm.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>Graduates Recognition</i> <b>10:30 Worship</b> 12-4 Gym in use	<b>2</b> 10-7 Gym in use  <b>5:30 Bible study</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30-2:30 Gym  5:30-7:30 Gym	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10-4 Gym in use  <b>6:00 Band</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30-1:00 Gym  3:00-7:30 Gym	<b>6</b> 10-4 Gym in use  <b>Wedding rehearsal</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Wedding</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Pentecost (Wear red.)</i> <b>10:30 Worship</b> 12-4 Gym in use	<b>9</b> 10-7 Gym in use  <b>5:30 Bible study</b>	<b>10</b> 8:30-2:30 Gym  5:30-7:30 Gym	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10-4 Gym in use  <b>6:00 Band</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30-1:00 Gym  3:00-7:30 Gym  4 - 8 Narthex and kitchen in use	<b>13</b> 10-4 Gym in use	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Noisy Offering</i> <b>10:30 Worship</b> 12-4 Gym in use	<b>16</b> 10-7 Gym in use  <b>5:30 Bible study</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30-2:30 Gym  5:30-7:30 Gym	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10-4 Gym in use  <b>6:00 Band</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30-1:00 Gym  3:00-7:30 Gym  <b>4:30 Church Council</b>	<b>20</b> 10-4 Gym in use	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>10:30 Worship</b> 12-4 Gym in use	<b>23</b> <b>9-3 VBS at First Lutheran</b> 10-7 Gym in use  <b>5:30 Bible study</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30-2:30 Gym  <b>9-3 VBS at First Lutheran</b> 5:30-7:30 Gym	<b>25</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>9-3 VBS at First Lutheran</b> <b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10-4 Gym in use <b>6:00 Band</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9-3 VBS at First Lutheran</b> 8:30-1:00 Gym 3:00-7:30 Gym	<b>27</b> 10-4 Gym in use	<b>28</b> funeral
<b>29</b> <b>10:30 Worship</b> 12-4 Gym in use	<b>30</b> 10-7 Gym in use  <b>5:30 Bible study</b>					<i>Rummage Sale on Fri., July 11 and Sat., July 12</i>