



The Messenger

July 2026

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

Memorial United Methodist Church, 1920 Lake Shore Drive, Gladstone, Michigan 49837

Office: (906) 428-9311

www.gladstonechurch.org

mumc@gladstonechurch.org

Mon. – Thur, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Pastor Terri Branstrom

(906) 280-2993

tlbran@hotmail.com

Mon. and Thur, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each year for the past 25 odd years I have been a counselor at Lake Louise camp for choir camp. Choir camp is held during the first week in July, generally over the 4th. I have been a counselor for 9th and 10th grade girls. I also write the devotions that are used in the cabins, and I teach a contract class. You may ask, “What’s a contract class?” A contract class can be whatever a counselor wants to teach/share with the campers. It can be coloring, singing, playing your instrument in a band, tree climbing, tie dying, kayaking or, my favorite, Yooper Class where they learn about the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Each day begins about 6:30 with optional activities like sitting by the lake reading, listening to music, or just sitting. It could also be hiking or maybe swimming. Breakfast follows, then morning worship. After worship we have choir practice. There are two choirs, one for the younger campers, 3rd grade through 6th grade and one for the older campers, 7th grade through just having graduated. After choir, it is time for the contact classes followed by lunch, followed by “H” hour (horizontal time or sleep/rest time).

After “H” time there is a time for cabins to do devotions, then choir again, then contract classes again, followed by supervised activity time. During supervised activity time the campers are allowed to use their cell phones, go swimming or kayaking, read, sit and visit with other campers or counselors, play a variety of games, or practice for “free expression” which is a time after supper to “show off” any one of your hidden or not so hidden talents.

After that we participate in an evening activity which can be a prayer walk, making a special video, a mission for the camp, a special concert, or a variety of other activities. The evening is concluded with a vesper service down by the lake. All in all, it is a fun-filled day.

I forgot to mention that each day there is a special dress code. It can be red/white/ and blue day, favorite character day, crazy hat or hair day, favorite team day, and so on. The days are filled with fun and more fun. Yet the campers also learn about their Creator and God during devotion time and worship.

If you want to know more about camp, come see me and I will talk your arm off.

PS – Camp Michigamme is in the middle of revamping things and will be back next year. If you are a youth, find a camp that interests you. If you are an adult who has a passion for God and our youth- be a counselor.

Shalom,

Pastor Terri

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/>

There will be **no livestream on June 28** because the worship service will be an ecumenical service at **9 a.m.** at First Lutheran, followed by a potluck brunch. See you there!

Baptism

On June 20, Noah Wyatt Trotter, son of Alex and Emily Trotter, was baptized in our beautiful Memorial Garden gazebo. Noah's sister is Sophia Trotter. Grandparents are Dan and Val Johnson.

Sunday School teachers are needed on **Sept. 13 and 27**. Please sign up on the bulletin board to teach one of those Sundays. We thank Emily Trotter for teaching numerous Sundays recently and Laura LaMarche for teaching on Aug. 23 and 30.

Game Nights are the 3rd **Saturday** of the month. The next Game Night is at 5:00 on Saturday, July 18. Please bring a dish to pass and your favorite game.

To donate to Memorial U.M. Church through Tithely, focus the camera of your smartphone at the QR code.



Rummage Sale

Items for the rummage sale can be placed in room 5 or 6. Set-up is on July 7-9, starting at 9:00. Please sign up to help with set-up, the sale, or clean-up.

Rummage sale times are

- Fri., July 10, 8:30 – 12:00
- Sat., July 11, 8:30 – 12:00
- Sun., July 12 bag sale 12:00 – 2:00



7/1 Denise Messina	7/17 Laurie Kaufman
7/7 Lettie Houghton	7/19 Emily Trotter
7/8 James Klotz	7/23 Jody Harrison
7/9 Emily Marlett	Michael Viau
7/11 Brenda Balenger	7/26 James Hubbard
7/15 Dan Johnson	7/28 Kingston Johnson
7/16 Nathan Moore	7/31 Axel Hueneman

Semi-annual Giving Statements will be in the narthex at the beginning of July.

Sunday Volunteers

Please sign up on the bulletin board to:

- Teach Sunday School
- Serve communion
- Usher & Greet
- Bring a treat
- Read scripture

Newsletter deadline: July 29

Rev. Jeff Dinner's funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 17, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Cheboygan, MI.

Vacation Bible School is **June 29 – July 2** at First Lutheran Church, 1212 Minneapolis Ave., Gladstone..

* If you have not yet signed up your children/grandchildren who are going into 1st - 6th grade, please call the church office 428-9311.

People who are volunteering for VBS:

Dana Williams (Pastor's sister) ALL FOUR DAYS 8:30-3:30 classroom assistant WOW!

Sandy St. Aubin -- supper for Counselors on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

Tina Casey -- registration 8:30-9:30, morning snack for kids, and supper for Counselors all on Monday

Laura LaMarche -- registration 8:30-9:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Laurie Kaufman -- classroom assistant Wed.

John Myers -- registration 8:30-9:30 on Tuesday, classroom assistant Wednesday morning

Dave Borden -- classroom assistant Wednesday afternoon

Sunday, June 28, worship is at 9 a.m. at First Lutheran Church. There will be a **potluck brunch** afterwards, and the VBS Counselors will be there to meet everyone. This is an ecumenical worship service. If you show up at Memorial Church this Sunday, you will have a private worship service with God because everyone else will be eating brunch at First Lutheran.

LifeLine Screening will be at Memorial Church on Tuesday, July 21, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Please pre-register for these health screenings. **Money-saving coupons are on the church bulletin board.**

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001
- Online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC
- Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

Pastor Terri will be volunteering at Lake Louise, one of our United Methodist campgrounds June 27 - July 3. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact Lisa Myers 420-1311, and she will put you in contact with Pastor Elisabeth Daniels from First Lutheran Church.

Prayer List

Pray for all wars to stop.	Richard Abbott
Beth and Sarah Benson	Lorna Benson
Tom and Alice Butch	Kim Bessonon
Richard Demeuse	Pat Clark
Adam Haberstitch	Ian Goldi
Cheryl Harger	Lettie Houghton
Ron Houle	Richard Hull
Dora and Andy Leonard	Berta Johnson
Christopher Lund	Toni Marchese
Beverly Martin	Ryan Minor
Elijah Moffitt	Carolyn Morrow
Kathy Jo Myhren	Betty Nyquist
Helen Palo	Josiah Pryor
Elizabeth Peltz Richardson	Margaret Richard
Lisa Richer Barta	Debbie Rosen
Judy Smith	Pam Thorbahn
Mark West	Brian Wood
Family of Eileen Wittenmore	

We thank Gary LaMarche for recently working on fixing 2 church vacuums, the TV on the cart, and a space heater.

July 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>June 28</i> 9:00 Ecumenical Worship at First Lutheran, followed by potluck brunch	<i>June 29</i> 9 - 3 Day Camp (V.B.S.) 5:30 Bible study	<i>June 30</i> 9 - 3 Day Camp (V.B.S.)	<i>1</i> 9 - 3 Day Camp (V.B.S.) 9:30 Knit/Crochet	<i>2</i> 9 - 3 Day Camp (V.B.S.)	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 10:30 Worship	<i>6</i> 5:30 Bible study	<i>7</i> Set up for rummage sale	<i>8</i> Set up for rummage sale 9am— 6:00 band	<i>9</i> Set up for rummage sale	<i>10</i> Rummage Sale 8:30—12:00	<i>11</i> Rummage Sale 8:30—12:00
<i>12</i> 10:30 Worship 12-2 Bag Sale	<i>13</i> 5:30 Bible study	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 9:30 Knit/Crochet 6:00 band	<i>16</i> 4:30 Church Council	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 5:00 Game Night
<i>19</i> <i>Noisy Offering</i> 10:30 Worship 1:30 Worship at Lakeview	<i>20</i> 5:30 Bible study	<i>21</i> 8:00 — 5:30 Lifeline Screening in the gym	<i>22</i> 9:30 Knit/Crochet 6:00 band	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 10:30 Worship	<i>27</i> 5:30 Bible study	<i>28</i> 6:00 Condo Assoc. in narthex	<i>29</i> <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 9:30 Knit/Crochet 6:00 band	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	