



The Messenger

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Last Saturday (April 25) I volunteered to help with the UP Pink Power Walk. Some of you may not have heard of or know of this organization. This organization raises money to be given out to members of our UP communities who need a bit of a financial boost. It may be a family who has lost a home to fire or someone who has cancer and needs \$\$ to pay for their treatment. 100% of the money raised is put back into our communities. All of the administration, planning and fund raising is voluntary. The board that oversees the organization is all volunteer.

Let me tell you about last Saturday. The walk is a 17-mile walk from the Knotty Pine Bar and Grill in Arnold to the Up North Lodge in Gwinn. The walk begins at 10:00 am and ends about 6:30 in the early evening. Along the walk there are rest stations that provide refreshments like water, cheese, sausage, crackers, cookies, chips, music, and words of encouragement. At the half-way point is a lunch of brats and chips.

There is a support staff that drives along the route hauling porta-potties and the Marquette Data bus that helps out if a walker becomes too exhausted. The walkers are not professional athletes or walkers. This year they ranged in age from 10 years old to 90 years old. I say it is a “walk” but there are some who run the 17 miles and others ride their bikes. One year we also had someone ride their horse.

At the end of the “walk” a supper of spaghetti, lasagna, garlic bread and cookies is served to the hungry crew.

Each person who participates registers in either the evening before or the morning of the event. At the end of the walk, they register back in. This year there were 440 participants, not counting all the volunteers. Over \$60, 000 was raised to “pay it forward.” My 2 cousins, Nannette Martin, and I volunteered to register people back in at the end of the run.

Forgive me for bragging a bit, but here goes. I had 3 daughters walk, 1 daughter provide a pitstop, 1 grandson walk, 1 grandson ride his bike, and 2 cousins volunteer. Not bad for one family who believes in this organization!

I’ve driven the route as the walkers are walking. I am amazed at them. They help and encourage one another. They lift one another up. One would think they may be Christians or even members of MUMC. All they do they do to help others, just like MUMC does.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating for either the UP Pink Power or MUMC, let me know. Neither help nor \$\$ will be turned down. God Bless.

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/>

Easter lilies given in memory of

Al Jensen from Chris Jensen and family

*Jim & Chris Walker and John & Pat Lagina
... from the Lagina family*

*Mary & Jay Osterberg and Joan Cook . . .
... from Kay Shapy*

*Our sisters Janice Watson and Marianne
Watson Milkowski, and sister-in-law Ruth
Johnson
... from Berta & Dave Johnson and
Judy Watson-Olson*

*Bill & Dorothy Kaufman, Wayne Kaufman,
Ford Kaufman, and Billy de la Garza
... from Laurie Kaufman de la Garza
and Luis, Abby, and Jax de la Garza*

Ray Young from Kathy Young

Easter lilies given in honor of

*Our grandchildren Blithe, Luka, Olivia,
Isaac and Petra
... from Grandma Susan &
Grandpa Michael Lagina*

*Our children Gabe & Angie, Josh & Bethany,
Courtney & Jered
... from Mike & Susan Lagina*

*Luis, Abby, and Jax de la Garza
... from Laurie Kaufman de la Garza*

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**How do I know if worship is cancelled?**

On rare occasions, worship may need to be cancelled due to weather or some other emergency. If in doubt, please check the list of closings on TV6 and Radio Results Network. You can also call Lisa's cell phone 420-1311. Lisa will also send out text messages to those she has cell numbers for.

**Rummage Sale**

Please help with rummage sale clean up at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday after worship.

**MARSP Dinner**

The Michigan Area Retired School Personnel will have their dinner & meeting here at noon on Tuesday, May 5. This is a good fundraiser for us. Please sign up in the narthex to help:

- Set up on Monday, May 4 3:00-5:00
- Help make red sauce Tues, May 5 8am-10am
- Make salads & boil pasta, Tuesday 10am
- Serve Tuesday, May 5 11:30-1:00

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the church family for your assistance and support during the recent loss of our mother, Bette DeRoek. Special thanks to Pastor Terri for helping us plan a meaningful service, Kathy young for playing our mother's musical selections and Sue Lagina and Laurie and their kitchen crew for serving a lovely meal. Everything was as our mother wanted.

Sincerely,  
Bette's daughters, Barb, Diane, and Kim

**Sunday Volunteers**

Please sign up on the bulletin board to:

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

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



## Day Camp (Vacation Bible School)

June 29 – July 2 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

for children going into 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

First Lutheran Church just down the street on Minneapolis Ave. has invited us to do Day Camp together again. Their Fortune Lake Camp Staff will lead the Day Camp while volunteers from both of our churches assist.

Please sign up in the narthex to

- house the 4 young adult staff people
- provide a lunch or supper for 4 staff people
- provide a snack for 40 children
- assist in the classroom
- register children

If you can help plan Day Camp, please come to the meeting at 5:15 on Tuesday, May 5, at First Lutheran.

## Game Night -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.

Potluck at 5, followed by board games and sometimes free play time in the gym.

**Newsletter deadline: May 27**



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| 5/16 Denise Gauthier   | Justin Johnivan      |
| 5/2 Carson Casey       | Ashlee LaPlant       |
| Jason Johnivan         | Linda Viau           |
| 5/3 Cassandra Tines    | 5/20 Ashton Casey    |
| 5/4 Kaysleigh Hueneman | Heather Hoehn        |
| 5/6 Kathi Hoehn        | 5/21 Lois Boydston   |
| 5/7 Katelyn Demarse    | 5/23 Elijah Balenger |
| Carolyn Morrow         | Michael Keeker       |
| 5/11 Scarlett Kuhlman  | Cassandra LaMarche   |
| 5/13 James Moore       | 5/27 Pat Clark       |
| 5/15 Susan Hampton     | 5/28 Ted Brainard    |

## Bay Area Campus Ministry meal

THANK YOU to the following for making the Bay College meal a success. Susan Lagina and Laurie Kaufman de la Garza fixed the nacho meal. Peggy Richter joined them at Bay College to help serve, and cookies were provided by Susan Lagina, Mike Peach, Bonnie Oshe, Chris Morrow, Nannette Martin, and Sandy Galleske.

## Fireside Farewell for Devin Messina

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

at Messina's 10026 I Rd., Cornell

Devin has accepted a position with Colgate College in Hamilton, NY, as a Greenhouse Supervisor. She leaves on May 13 and starts on May 18.

## Prayer List

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| 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                | Ann Hayes        |
| Lettie Houghton              | Ron Houle        |
| Richard Hull                 |                  |
| Sherrie Jacobi family        | Berta Johnson    |
| Dora and Andy Leonard        | Christopher Lund |
| Toni Marchese                | Beverly Martin   |
| Lyle Martin family           | Beverly McCarley |
| Ryan Minor                   | Elijah Moffitt   |
| Kathy Jo Myhren              | Betty Nyquist    |
| Helen Palo                   | Josiah Pryor     |
| Elizabeth Peltz Richardson   | Margaret Richard |
| Lisa Richer Barta            | Debbie Rosen     |
| Pam Thorbahn                 | Mark West        |
| Eileen Wittenmore            | Brian Wood       |
| Family of Ginger Weber Moore |                  |
| Family of Bonnie Hannaman    |                  |
| Family of Mary Hubbard       |                  |

## Scrap Metal Drive from now until May 8

### Acceptable Items Include:

- Stoves, Dryers, Appliances, etc.  
***Not TVs or refrigerators though.***
- Lawn equipment (lawn mowers, snowblowers, tillers)
- Metal piping, sheet metal, siding
- Car parts (i.e. rotors/springs/doors)
- Filing cabinets, metal desks
- Steel doors, garage doors, & metal tracks
- Copper piping/fixtures
- Brass doorknobs/household items
- Air fittings
- Aluminum
  - o Cast
  - o Extruded
  - o Sheet
  - o Soffit & Fascia
- Bronze
- Strings of Christmas lights

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| Sun                                                                                                   | Mon                                                      | Tue                                                                           | Wed                                                           | Thu                                 | Fri                                           | Sat                                                                                             |
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| <i>3</i><br>10:30 Worship                                                                             | <i>4</i><br>3:00 Set up for<br>MARSP<br>5:30 Bible Study | <i>5</i><br>MARSP dinner<br>5:15 VBS planning<br>meeting at First<br>Lutheran | <i>6</i><br>9:00 Knit/Crochet<br>7:00 Choir                   | <i>7</i>                            | <i>8</i><br>Scrap Metal Drive<br><u>ends.</u> | <i>9</i><br>7pm—11pm<br>Devin Messina's<br>Farewell Party<br>firepit outside<br>Messina's house |
| <i>10</i><br>10:30 Worship                                                                            | <i>11</i><br>5:30 Bible Study                            | <i>12</i><br>12:00 Clergy<br>Gathering                                        | <i>13</i><br>9:00 Knit/Crochet                                | <i>14</i>                           | <i>15</i><br>5:00 Game Night                  | <i>16</i>                                                                                       |
| <i>17</i><br><i>Noisy Offering</i><br>10:30 Worship<br>1:30 Worship at<br>Lakeview<br>Assisted Living | <i>18</i><br>5:30 Bible Study                            | <i>19</i>                                                                     | <i>20</i><br>9:00 Knit/Crochet                                | <i>21</i><br>4:30 Church<br>Council | <i>22</i>                                     | <i>23</i>                                                                                       |
| <i>24</i><br>10:30 Worship                                                                            | <i>25</i><br>5:30 Bible Study                            | <i>26</i>                                                                     | <i>27</i> <i>Newsletter<br/>deadline</i><br>9:00 Knit/Crochet | <i>28</i>                           | <i>29</i>                                     | <i>30</i>                                                                                       |