

## MESSIAH MESSENGER

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# BECAUSE WE CARE...

## PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH:

- When your home phone number or address changes. Church records need to be updated. There is a small fee from the USPS every time a newsletter comes back because of an incorrect address.
- When a baby arrives in your family or in the family of another Church member.
- When a member of your family is sick or admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made.
- When a member of your immediate or extended family dies.
- When a family member leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- When something good happens to you or your family that you would like to share.

***Please note: If you have been in the hospital or have been ill and have not been visited by the Pastor or anyone from the church, or if your name is not on the prayer list, it may be because no one notified us. You or a family member should notify the church of illness or hospitalization. Please also get permission before sharing information with the Church if the person is NOT a family member. Thank You!!***

## **SERVICE ASSISTANTS**

**USHERS:** 8:15 am Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Ed Blackburn,  
Sally Congdon, Jody Fuller

10:45 am Carl Stitzer, Randy Garrett, Gary Hilling,  
Linda Miller, Don Rosenbaum

**LAY ASSISTANT:** 8:15 Virginia Amme; 10:45 George Jansson

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** 8:15 Rita Strickler; 10:45 Sandra Ream

**ALTAR GUILD:** 8:15 Pat Hammaker; 10:45 Doris Butt

**CHIEF COMMUNION USHERS:** 8:15 Dave Strickler; 10:45 Doug Houseknecht

**COMMUNION PRESENTERS AND GREETERS:**

8:15 Bob and Mary Schultz; 10:45 Wanda Forney and Debbie Frey

**ACOLYTE:** 8:15 Sidney Brown (Acolyte); Olivia Welter (Crucifer)

10:45 Jonathan Hess (Acolyte); Abby Greevy (Crucifer)

**CANTOR:** 8:15 am Shirley Fullmer

**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Betty and Carl Fenstermacher

**Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Messiah:** Attendance –187; Offering -\$7716.92

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving and living memory of Susan and Annamary Hutchinson by the Hutchinson and Nancarrow families.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Armstrong's 77<sup>th</sup> birthday, May 15, with love from his grandchildren, Tyler, Katherine, Cortney, Abigayle, Stephanie, D.J., Alexa and Ashley.

**The Bud Vase** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Mason given by Doris Williams and family.

**The Bud Vase** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Herbst by Ray and Diana DiCenso, Tina DiCenso and Curt Straub.

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** will be offered on **Sunday, June 11**. Please contact the church office no later than Tuesday, May 30 if you desire the sacrament.

**REMINDER: "Second Sunday Faith Night"** will be held on the **third Sunday** of this month, **May 21**, so that families are free to enjoy Mother's Day together this weekend.

## Daily Bible Readings

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<i>Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<i>Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40; Psalm 102:1-17</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<i>Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56; Psalm 102:1-17</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<i>Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38; Psalm 102:1-17</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<i>Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12; Psalm 66:8-20</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<i>Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38; Psalm 66:8-20</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<i>Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29; Psalm 66:8-20</i>

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**HELP WANTED: Seasoned Helpers Ministry needs you!** We are currently seeking individuals to serve as home/hospital visitors. If you are someone who has been blessed with a compassionate and caring nature, this will be right up your alley! **A special training session led by MaryLou (Matthews) Byerly will be held on Wednesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m.** If interested or for more information, please contact Jean Kelley at 570-971-9814 (after the noon hour) or leave a message with the church office. This will also be a good refresher course for those who already serve.

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## **The Library Corner – Highlighted Books for the Week:**



**Children** - The Night-Night Song with Lullaby CD - Snuggle up with your little one and enjoy this collection of classical melodies, traditional lullabies, and songs of Faith. This book can be enjoyed also as a song sung delicately for little ears, or as a story read word for word. Another great board book in the board book section of our library.

**Youth** - Peter - Peter loved traveling with Jesus and sharing the Good News. Little did he know, though, that being with Jesus would mean being treated by greater forces than any storm he had ever faced at sea. Cast your nets and join the thrilling voyage of Peter, a story that you'll never forget. Found in the Youth themed section.

**Adult** - One Hope-Re-remembering the Body of Christ - is a rich ecumenical resource designed to help Lutheran and Catholic communities mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. By Gathering together to reflect on and discuss its contents, Christians will foster the church's unity in a grassroots level and grow in their awareness of the ways that grassroots level and grow in their awareness of the ways that unity already exists. The essays in this book are the product of an intense collaborative process by six gifted scholars and pastoral leaders, 3 Lutheran and 3 Catholic. Found in the Reformation, Lutheran Church History section of the library.

*An Organ Recital* will be presented by members of the Williamsport Chapter, American Guild of Organists, **Sunday, May 21, 3:00 pm**, at Covenant-Central Presbyterian Church, 807 West Fourth Street, Williamsport. Featured pieces will be by composers whose last names begin with "M," Manz, Mendelssohn, etc.

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**Spring Clean Up: Saturday, May 20, 8:00 am – Noon: Rain or Shine!**

*Coffee and donuts will be available!*

Volunteers needed for *both indoor and outdoor* projects. Bring wheelbarrows, pitch forks, shovels, brooms, blowers, weed whackers, gloves, rags, buckets, etc.

*Hope to see you there!*



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## **Vacation Bible School – “Mighty Fortress”**

**Monday-Friday, June 12-16, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon**

**Children Age 4 through Grade 6**

**Registration forms** are now available on the alley bulletin board, from the church office, or can be printed from the church web site at <http://messiahsouth.org/christian-education/vacation-bible-school/>. **Please register early to help us plan and prepare!**

**NEEDED:** Old CD's for a decorating project. If you have CD's that you no longer use and you do not want them back, please place them in the bin in the narthex on Sunday morning.

**Adult Leaders and Teen Helpers Needed!** We still need to identify leaders for Snacks, Games, Crafts, and Storytelling stations as well as teen helpers for all areas. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer!

**DECORATING CREW:** May 7 was our last scheduled decorating session, but more decorations are being made. If you are able to help out with making some decorations, please contact the church office. Thanks to all who have come to lend a hand!

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**YOUTH GROUP WILL NOT MEET ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4, DUE TO THE SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT MINISTERIUM BACCALAUREATE SERVICE TO BE HOSTED HERE THAT EVENING.**



## BYG News!

### Grades 3-6: "Building Youth Groups"

### Overnight Camping Trip at Camp Mount Luther

July 17-18, 2017

#### What is "BYG" ?

*BYG stands for Building Youth Groups and is open to children in grades 3-6.*

The BYG Summer Camping Trip is a fun, community building event designed to keep our youth group strong by laying a foundation for its future members and, at the same time, give the children a taste of summer camp. Participants will have a chance to experience camping life in the company of their peers and familiar adult mentors.

#### When?

**July 17-18, 2017:** We will leave from Messiah Monday morning, July 17, and arrive at the camp in time for the start of the daily activities. We will spend the night at the camp, returning home on Tuesday, July 18, in time for supper. Children will have a chance to interact both with our own group and with some of the other campers.

#### What is the cost?

Now here's the really good news. The cost per child is \$100. However, due to a generous donation by a member of our congregation, the cost for all children who are active participants in Sunday School, the BYG group, and/or worship at Messiah will be **just \$25 per child**. *(This will be waived or reduced for those who are unable to afford it . . . no one will be left out.)*

#### How do I register?

Contact **Kathy Wither** for more information and a registration form!  
570-326-9171, ext. 203 or [wither15@comCast.net](mailto:wither15@comCast.net)



SAVE THE DATE!  
**Strawberry Festival**  
**Saturday, June 3, 4-7 p.m.**

Fundraiser for the  
South Williamsport K-9 Unit

*Paws for a Good Cause!*



# Weekly Calendar of Events

## **Sunday, May 7**

8:15 am Holy Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Coffee Hour

10:45 am Holy Communion

5:30 pm Youth Group

## **Monday, May 8**

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

## **Tuesday, May 9**

4:00 pm Morningstar Choir

6:00 pm Sunday School Teachers

6:30 pm Concordia Children's Choir

## **Wednesday, May 10**

6:00 pm Mother's Day Dinner

## **Thursday, May 11**

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

7:30 pm Alanon

## **Friday, May 12**

## **Saturday, May 13**



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6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

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4:00 pm Morningstar Choir

## **Wednesday, May 17**

## **Thursday, May 18**

9:30 am Council Exec. Committee

6:30 pm Celebration Ringers

6:30 pm Staff Support Committee

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

7:30 pm Concordia Children's Choir

## **Friday, May 19**

## **Saturday, May 20**

8:00 am Clean Up Day