

MESSIAH MESSENGER

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Messiah's 150th Anniversary Committee Greetings!

The history of our church's inception from fifteen or twenty original members in 1867 to the present is definitely worthy of a grand celebration. October 29, 2017, on Reformation Sunday we will mark the beginning of what will be a triumphant year of celebration, thanks, and praise, commencing with the re-dedication of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Plans are underway for the sesquicentennial celebration and our committee has discussed many ideas to help celebrate. Our official anniversary celebration will culminate with a celebratory Worship service and Dinner on April 28th, 2018. True to our history, we hope to plan a celebration that will include not only our local community, but also an array of national participants.

The task of planning and executing our activities cannot be accomplished without the hard work of fellow committee members and Messiah membership. Please accept this note as an invitation to join the committee or participate in the planning of our anniversary celebration.



Messiah, this is *your* celebration. Please invite family and friends to share in this experience throughout the year as we honor and pay homage to God and to our beloved Messiah Church Family.

The committee will meet again on August 3rd, at 1:00PM in the Administration Office conference room.

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

USHERS: 9:30 am Joel Sutkins, Diane Bardsley, Albert Kelley
Rhonda Koch, Carl Stitzer

LAY ASSISTANT: George Jansson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sylvia McCarty

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Shoemaker, Betty Fenstermacher

CHIEF COMMUNION USHER: Sandra Ream

COMMUNION PRESENTERS AND GREETERS: Lois Davis and Vi Eckroth

ACOLYTE: Lauren Peck **CANTOR:** Jillian Jackson

FLOWER DELIVERY: Charles Luppert

Sunday, July 9, 2017 at Messiah: Attendance – 138; Offering -\$ 4,327.85

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Danelle Reinsburrow's birthday, July 16, with love by her family.

Church Picnic: Sunday, August 6. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to come. All are welcome, whether or not you have signed up, but this gives us an idea how many supplies are needed. See details in the display ad on last page of Messenger.

The Chapel Anniversary Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 18, at 6 pm in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Anyone interested in helping with this celebration is welcome to attend.

There are a limited number of children's sized tables and chairs available from the Sunday School area. They are free of charge while they last. If interested, please call the church office for details.



Eat at Wendy's on Maynard Street on Tuesday, July 18, 5-8 pm, and a percentage of your check will be donated to United Churches of Lycoming County. No coupon needed!

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	July 16	<i>Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i>
Monday	July 17	<i>Leviticus:26: 3-20; 1 Thess.4::1-8; Psalm 92</i>
Tuesday	July 18	<i>Deuter. 28:1-14; Ephesians 4:17 – 15:2; Psalm 92</i>
Wednesday	July 19	<i>Proverbs 11:23-30; Matthew 13:10-17; Psalm 92</i>
Thursday	July 20	<i>Isaiah 41:21-29; Hebrews 2:1-9; Psalm 86:11-17</i>
Friday	July 21	<i>Isaiah 44:9-17; Hebrews 6:13-20; Psalm 86:11-17</i>
Saturday	July 22	<i>Isaiah 44:18-20; Matthew 7:15-20; Psalm 86:11-17</i>



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books for the Week:

Another Great Summer Family movie - **Spike and the Silly, Mixed - up Sleepover DVD** - Learning to listen is a very important part of growing up. When Spike goes over to Lemon's house for a sleepover, she doesn't listen to her dad and forgets to bring some essential things-with frustrating (but very funny) results! This is #2 in the Quigley's Village DVD series in the Family Movies section of our library.

Adult - **The Big Guy Upstairs - You, Him and How it all Works** - If there is a God, what does He want with me? God feels so far away. How am I supposed to interact with Him? Does God really care about me and my life? Isn't God just angry all the time? How does God feel about me? How do I know God is listening? Maybe you can relate to some of these(or similar) questions. The answer are here--no religious jargon, no pretense, and no nonsense. Just simple, incredible and engaging insights and true stories. Found in the Adult Non-fiction section of our library.

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

REMEMBER: You must sign up in advance in order for us to make arrangements for transportations, meals, etc. Details were mailed to our youth and are posted on the web site at <http://messiahsouth.org/youth/grades-7-12-youth-group/>

Day	Date	Time	Event	<u>Sign up by:</u>
Tuesday	July 25	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Hiking at the Haystacks	July 16
Tuesday	August 1	1:00-9:00 p.m.	Pool Party at Sally's/Montgomery	July 23
Tuesday	August 8	2:00-7:30 p.m.	Swimming/Service Day at Amy's	July 30
Tuesday	August 15	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Lake Tobias	July 30

SUMMER FUN NIGHT! JULY 26 – 6:00-7:30 P.M.

All Children Entering Grades 1-4: Are you looking for some summer fun? Have you ever painted a picture with a squirt gun or played beach ball bowling? Along with a water balloon battle, those are just a few of the things we have planned, so please come and join us at the church playground on **July 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Children don't need to be a member of our church, so ***invite your friends to come, too!*** No sign up is required but if you could add your name to the sheet on the alley bulletin board that will help us plan for supplies. Please don't wear good clothes or shoes, and plan to get wet! If you have questions, please call Kathryn Pratt at 570-916-2102. Thanks and hope to see you there! *Mrs. Pratt and Miss Sue*

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Little Dresses and Britches for Africa

The time is here to begin thinking about our project for African children. We have many supplies in Jensen Lounge, *but we need volunteers to sew!*

Please feel free to pick up what you need from Jensen Lounge on Sunday mornings, or on weekdays by request (during office hours).

Dresses are fashioned from pillowcases while T-shirts are re-purposed into britches for the boys. We'd like to see more britches this year, but both dresses and britches are welcome. *For patterns or more information, contact Doris Butt at 570-326-0483.*

BYG SERVICE PROJECT

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS for Lutheran World Relief

Can you help us collect school supplies for kids in need in other countries? To the children who receive the School Kits, *these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not.* All kits must contain the same *specific* eight items . . . no substitutions and no additions. A list of needed items was published in last week's Messenger and is available in the narthex on Sunday mornings or from the church office.

Whether you buy all of the supplies to fill a bag or buy multiples of one particular item: Be a good steward – get more for your money. ***Watch the summer sales for school supplies! Monetary donations will also be accepted*** to offset the cost of shipping and any extra supplies needed to complete the kits. **Make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church** (memo: LWR School Kits)

Items should be brought to the church by August 27.

DONATED ITEMS MAY BE PLACED IN THE LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE IN THE NARTHEX.

GOAL: 150 SCHOOL KITS . . . Questions? Contact Sally Congdon (570) 547-6193

FREE Clothing Exchange - Saturday, August 6, 8-11 a.m.

Oh, those lazy days of summer! Time to open the windows, let in the fresh air, and clear the clutter out of those drawers and closets. As you purge your closets of unwanted items, please consider donating gently used items for the exchange. We accept clothing for all seasons, as well as accessories (shoes, purses, ties, belts, scarves, etc.) Tell your friends and neighbors!

Set-up: Friday, August 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Please sign up to help if you are able!





PICNIC



Sunday, August 6, 2017
Fun, Food and Fellowship for All Ages!

South Williamsport Area Community Park
(Meet at Lion's Pavilion)

"Worship in the Park" at 10:45 A.M.*
Dress casually – bring a lawn chair!

*(The 8:15 Worship Service will take place at the church as usual.)



12 Noon – Games and Activities for ALL!
Invite your friends and neighbors – all are welcome!

Picnic Lunch Served at 1:00 P.M.

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Drinks, and Table Service Provided
Bring your favorite covered dish/dessert to share!



Games and Activities continue until 3 P.M.

BINGO! (Please bring a White Elephant) ✨ Cards ✨ Horseshoes

Hope to see you there!



Tioga Central Railroad Dinner Train Ride

October 5, 2017 - \$75.00 per person

Travel with us to Wellsboro for a late afternoon train ride to see the changing of the leaves and a scrumptious dinner. Enjoy the fall season with its spectacular colors as we motor north from Williamsport/Lycoming County area. Then we board for a one and one-half train ride as we eat a full course dinner and dessert. *Sponsored by Divind Travelers and Susquehanna Health Retirees.* For further information, please contact Dianne Larson (570-433-3644).

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 9

9:30 am Holy Communion

Monday, July 10

Tuesday, July 11

9:00 am Youth trip to Del Grosso's

Wednesday, July 12

Thursday, July 13

7:30 pm Alanon

Friday, July 14

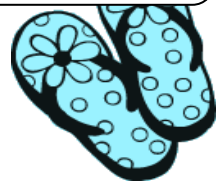
Saturday, July 15

Camp Mount Luther News

**Attending Camp Mount Luther the week of July 9-14:
Jackson Peck and Alexis Stewart**

If you wish to follow our campers on Facebook this summer, like Camp Mount Luther's page <https://www.facebook.com/mountluther/> and view the many pictures posted there each week!

There is still time to sign up for summer camp! Brochures are available in the display case in the narthex or from the church office. Camp incentives are available to help with the cost. Contact Kathy Wither for details.



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Sunday, July 16

9:30 am Holy Communion

Monday, July 17

9:00 am BYG Camp Mount Luther

6:00 pm South Football and Cheer

Tuesday, July 18

6:00 pm Chapel Anniversary Meeting

6:30 pm BYG Group returns from CML

Wednesday, July 19

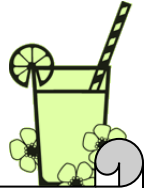
Thursday, July 20

9:30 am Council Exec. Committee

7:30 pm Alanon

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22



Camp Mount Luther News

Attending Camp Mount Luther the week of July 16-21:

Nathan Rundio

Attending Camp Mount Luther July 17-18 with the BYG Group:

Abby Brooks, Kaitlyn Cohick, Allura Reed, Owen Sherman, Alexis Stewart, Alia Taylor and adult leaders Mary Stewart and Kathy Wither

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