



Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

8:15 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Holy Communion

Monday, March 18

5:30 pm Cub Scouts
6:00 pm South Youth Football &
Cheer
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 19

4:00 pm Morningstar Choir
6:00 pm Sit Happens
7:00 pm Intern Committee
7:30 pm South LL



Wednesday, March 20

First Day of Spring

6:00 pm Sit Happens
7:00 pm Lenten Vespers/Bible Study

Thursday, March 21

9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Preschool Open House
9:30 pm Executive Committee
6:00 pm Boy Scout Roundtable
6:30 pm Celebration Ringers
7:00 pm Alanon
7:30 pm NA
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

12:00 pm Community Dinner
Honoring First Responders

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"Leftovers..."

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

It was right before Thanksgiving that the home biology department of the University of Pennsylvania received a phone call. A lady had been cleaning out her mother's freezer and discovered a turkey, which according to a date on the tag, been there for 23 years. "Is it safe to eat?" she asked. The expert replied, "I don't think you should eat it. In fact, it could make you pretty sick." ... "I thought so," said the woman, "I'll just give it to the food bank for Thanksgiving."

To give your unwanted leftovers to the poor; that's a terrible thing to do, isn't it? In this case it is both disrespectful and dangerous. Thankfully, it's not the kind of thing you or I would do, at least most of the time. There are times however, when we might give that spiritual equivalent to the Lord: you know, our leftovers.

If you think that statement is a little harsh, I understand. Even so, it's true. If you doubt me, here's a little experiment. Think about the first thing that comes to mind when you are praying. Do you usually ask God for something or do you say thank you for the gift of this day and all those other joys. The number of "thank you" prayers ought to pretty much match up with the "I-want-something" prayers. But often that's not the case. I had not realized that about my prayer life until I sat and did a little thinking.

All too often the Lord gets the leftovers. That's true when it comes to our financial pledges, our worship, our singing and everything else. At times, if we don't like what's happening we decide to give even less (time, talent and treasures) because that will show them! That's a shame because the Lord didn't send some low-grade angel to be our Savior. He sent the best He had. That's why when you look in the Bethlehem manger or on the cross placed on Calvary's crest, you will see God's only Son. God gave the best... And I encourage all of us to do the same in all you do as a member of Messiah.

See you in Church, Pastor Josh

SERVICE ASSISTANTS		
	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Ushers	Joel Sutkins, Diane Strauser, Albert Kelley, Rhonda Koch	Dennis Guthrie, Fred Harbaugh, Jean Nolan, Charles Harstead
Lay Assistant	Marilyn Frailey	Sandra Ream
Communion Assistant	Sylvia McCarty	Candy Watkins
Altar Guild	Margaret Huyck	Doris Butt
Chief Communion Usher	David Strickler	Carol Winter
Communion Presenters/Greeters	Rod and Gail O'Brien	Barbara Waltz and Alia
Acolyte	Sidney Brown	Lexi Greevy
Flower Delivery		Susan Bryan

Sun, March 10, 2019 at Messiah: Attendance: 110 Offering: 4748.63

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Barnhardt Nelson Memorial Fund.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Omar Dewald, by Connie Dewald.

Lenten Banks and Devotionals are available on the ushers' table in the Sanctuary. The offerings collected in our Lenten Banks this year will be donated to the Shepherd of the Streets.



Notes of **THANKS**

Thanks to all my friends for helping to celebrate my 90th Birthday! Martha Kropp

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday **March 17** *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35*

Monday **March 18** *Psalm 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12*

Tuesday **March 19** *Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

Wednesday **March 20** *Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31*

Thursday **March 21** *Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11*

Friday **March 22** *Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6*

Saturday **March 23** *Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45*

The Library Corner - Highlighted books in our library



Children - **The Holy Moly Easter Story** - Full of stirring storytelling and imaginative illustrations. This book brings Holy Week to awe-inspiring life. From Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey to the women discovering the empty tomb, kids will be captivated with this story of hope and new life. Book in the Easter Holiday Section of our library. We also have a DVD with the same name in the Easter section.

Adult - **A Violent Grace by Michael Card** - To believers today, the cross has lost much of its appeal as a symbol of Christianity. Yet what Christ did at the cross remains central to our faith. Michael Card calls upon us to focus our attention once again on the cross. Explore with this impassioned troubadour the Old Testament prophecies and Gospel accounts of Jesus' self-sacrifice. Follow Jesus to the cross and realize anew that God's free gift of grace to you was purchased at the cost of inconceivable violence to His Son. The book can be found in the Easter Section of the library.



The Outreach Program

Ending Hunger. Enriching.

Meal Packaging Event

Saturday, April 6, 2019

9 am & 10:15 am

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St. Williamsport, PA

Join us to provide 20,000 nutritious meals of fortified tomato basil pasta for people in our local communities. Volunteers of all ages needed for 1-hour shifts of assembly line-type work. Email: outreach@stmarkswilliamsport.org or call (570)323-4619. *Sign-up today!*



Morning Prayer is every Thursday at 9:00 am in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Please Join Us!

A Special Renew Contemporary Worship is being held Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Support the Boy Scouts by having spaghetti dinner first. (Dinner starts at 4:00 p.m.) The next regularly scheduled **Renew Contemporary Service is April 6**, also at 6:00 p.m. and in the Sanctuary.

On Sunday, March 24, we will have another Sunday Sing-Along. Please come join the choir in the choir loft as we sing the timeless classic "Amazing Grace" at both services. Morningstar choir meets at 7:30AM in the Nave prior to worship, and Sanctuary choir meets in the choir room at 10:15AM prior to worship for warm ups. *Looking forward to seeing you there.*



THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will be hosting a FREE community meal on Saturday, March 23, 1:00-2:30 p.m. The meal honors our First Responders (Fire, Police and EMS) as a way to say "thank you" for all they do in our community. The committee is requesting donations of cakes for dessert. Help is also needed to set up, serve the meal, and clean up afterwards. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Please consider how you may be able to contribute to this wonderful outreach to the community. *For more information, contact Dave Bausinger or the church office.* And do join us for dinner and fellowship!



Tuesday, March 26 – 5:30 p.m.*
A TOUR OF THE PETER J. McGOVERN (Little League) MUSEUM

525 Montgomery Pike (U.S. 15), South Williamsport

Admission - \$5.00 per person

Supper at Perkins Restaurant will follow the Tour (personal expense)

A "Sign-up Sheet" will be posted in the Education Building.

DEADLINE IS MARCH 17TH. Everyone (Men too!) is welcome!

*Anyone wishing to go on the Tour, but unable to be at the Museum by 5:30, **must** make **prior** cell phone arrangements with someone who will be **inside** the building in order to be admitted, because **all doors will be locked after 5:30.**

THANK YOU RECEIVED: WE WISH TO THANK ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT MESSIAH FOR THE MANY PRAYERS, CARDS, WELL WISHES, AND GOODIES YOU HAVE PROVIDED TO US DURING MY RECOVERY. YOUR KINDNESS IS ANOTHER WAY THAT GOD HAS SHARED HIS LOVE!

WITH SINCERE THANKS, MARY AND JOHN HALLER

P.S. THE MEALS WERE "OUT OF THIS WORLD" DELICIOUS!



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

to help with our Lenten Kids in Mission which will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 9 AM - noon. All children age 4 through grade 6 are invited to attend. Any older students who would like to be helpers, it

would be very much appreciated. We miss you kids! Please contact the church office or Kathryn Pratt at 570-916-2102 if you are interested.



An Organ Recital will be presented by members of the Williamsport Chapter, American Guild of Organists, on Sunday, March 24, 4 pm, at Covenant-Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W. Fourth St. The theme is "Then and Now", music learned early in our studies which has stood the test of time.



Youth Palm Sunday singers: Come to the choir room immediately after 10:45 worship on March 17 through April 7 to practice our song.

Do you have a preschool child or grandchild who would love to go to school? Then please come visit us! Messiah Lutheran Preschool will be hosting an Open House for interested parents and relatives on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.

From the last week of August through May, the preschool conducts classes for students ages two through five years old. The play-based +2 aged class meets two mornings a week, the three and young four year olds class meets three days a week, and the pre-kindergarten class meets five mornings a week. The school will begin its 45th year of service to the parents and children of the greater Williamsport area and surrounding communities. It has an outstanding reputation!

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2019-2020 school year.

Call Linda Miller at 570-326-9171 for further information.