



Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 24

- 8:15 am Holy Communion
Sing-Along
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Holy Communion
Sing-Along
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 25

- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm Christian Ed/Youth
- 7:00 pm Property Committee

Tuesday, March 26

- 4:00 pm Morningstar Choir
- 5:30 pm WELCA (LL Museum)
- 6:00 pm Sit Happens
- 7:30 pm South LL

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 6:30 pm Preschool Spring Event
- 6:30 pm Celebration Ringers
- 7:00 pm Alanon
- 7:30 pm NA
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 29

Saturday, March 30

- 9:00 am Kids in Mission



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FROM THE PASTOR.....

On April 7, during the Sunday School hour (9:30AM-10:30AM) there will be a one- hour session for the SCS children and anyone interested in receiving First Holy Communion. FHC will be on April 28, during 10:45 worship. Here are some points of importance when teaching children about communion. It might be best to use these one at a time.

1. Communion is a celebration of Jesus' love. At communion we remember Jesus' love. During Communion, he feeds us with his love.
2. Mom / Dad provide food for us because they love us. God feeds us with this special food to remind us that God loves us.
3. Eating together is a pleasant family time. We eat this special meal to remember that we are all a part of God's family.
4. The food we eat at home helps our bodies to grow and give us energy. Christ's body and blood are special food that helps us to grow to be like Jesus and gives us energy to do good things that Jesus wants us to do.
5. When we misbehave, our parents become angry with us. It feels good to be hugged and reminded that our parents still love us. Communion is a reminder that God forgives us any wrong that we have done. Like a hug, it tells us that God loves us and always will.
6. When we receive the Sacrament, we remember that Jesus gave his life for us on the cross. He shares this life with us each time we receive the Sacrament. This is why we say that we eat his body and drink his blood -- because he gives us his life!



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	John Silverstrim	Mary Ann Stitzer
Communion Assistant	Rod O'Brien	Candy Watkins
Altar Guild	Rita Strickler	Yvonne Kaiser
Chief Communion Usher	Jody Fullmer	George Jansson
Communion Presenters/Greeters	Dan and Kathy Rasdorf	Arch and Candy Watkins
Acolyte	AJ Brosan	Alia Taylor
Flower Delivery		Marilyn Winter

Sat & Sun, March 16 & 17, 2019 at Messiah: Attendance: Sun. 142; Sat. 50; Offering: \$4030.50

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank E. Heller on the occasion of his birthdate, by his daughter, Doris Heller Teufel.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact the church office if you are interested in receiving the sacrament.

Anyone interested in remembering or honoring their loved one(s) by donating the palms for Palm Sunday please contact Linda Hammond at (570)506-0125.

Lily Orders are due by March 31. Order forms are on the ushers' table in the Sanctuary or call the church office. Thank you.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	March 24	<i>Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9</i>
Monday	March 25	<i>Psalm 39; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11</i>
Tuesday	March 26	<i>Psalm 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16</i>
Wednesday	March 27	<i>Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21</i>
Thursday	March 28	<i>Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5</i>
Friday	March 29	<i>Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15</i>
Saturday	March 30	<i>Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10</i>

The Library Corner - Highlighted books in our library



Children -DVD- **Twas the Night Before Easter by Veggie Tales** -It's Easter time in Crisper County and cable news reporter Marlee Meade is hunting for a way to help others. On a tip that the old town theater will be shut down, Marlee cooks up a plan to save the stage and make a difference through the power of musical theater! With a cast of costume-clad townies, massive props and a 20 ft. robot rabbit. "Up with Bunnies" is hatched. When news spreads that singing sensation Cassie

Cassava is arriving to perform in her hometown church's Easter service, Marlee gets worried. Concerned about the competition, she schemes to steal the starlet for her own pageant! But when things go haywire, will it be curtains for Marlee's dreams-or will she discover the true meaning of Easter and what helping others is really all about? This DVD is in the Easter Section of the library.

Adult - **Before and After Easter - Activities and Ideas-Lent to Pentecost** - For each day of Lent, each week of Easter and the Day of Pentecost, there are...activities, service projects, crafts and recipes, Bible readings, fascinating facts, family worship ideas...and full color illustrations on every page make activities and projects a snap! Book is in the Easter section of our 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

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!*



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.*



Sunshine Basket for Pastor Lynch. Messiah is collecting items for a Sunshine Basket for Pastor Susan Lynch as she battles her cancer. Some ideas: she loves cats, vegetable gardening, & knitting. A card to send along would also be comforting to her. ***Items can be dropped off at the office or in the box at the back of the church.***

Messiah currently has a part-time sexton position open; 15 to 18 hours a week, nights and Saturdays. Please contact church office if you are interested.

Thank you.

⌘ St. Paul Lutheran Church Fund Scholarship

The St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship Program was established by the congregation of the former St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsport to benefit Lutheran students in Lycoming County.

Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program **must complete an online application** available at www.inFaithfound.org/scholarships. Paper applications are available only by request. **Applications and required attachments are due by April 30, 2019.** For additional information contact Nikki Johnson, Donor Services Associate, at scholarship@inFaithfound.org or call (800) 365-4172.

⌘ Scholarship Available to the Pennsylvania State University

The Jane Elizabeth Newlin and Everett Mason Batschelet Memorial Scholarship is offered annually to an incoming first year student who will be enrolled at any campus of the Pennsylvania State University *including the Pennsylvania College of Technology*. To qualify for the Newlin-Batschelet scholarship, an applicant must be a public high school graduate or prospective graduate. The recipient will be nominated by a committee appointed by our Congregation Council. Nominees will be submitted to the Pennsylvania State University in order to verify the nominee's financial eligibility as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Approved candidates will be informed by Penn State and will receive an annual scholarship of \$5,000.00 for a maximum of four years, as long as they are enrolled as a full-time student on a Penn State campus, remain eligible, and funds are available.

Applications for this scholarship may be obtained by calling the church office. **All applications are due in the church office by Wednesday, May 15th.** **Because references, SAT scores, and transcripts must also be filed, applicants should obtain an application as soon as possible.**

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 24 through April 7 to practice our song.



THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will be hosting a FREE community meal in honor of First Responders on Saturday, March 23, 1:00-2:30 p.m. If available stop by starting at 9 am to help set up, serve the meal, and clean up afterwards. Plus join us for dinner and fellowship!

**Kids in Mission:
March 30th from
9 am - noon.**

Come join us for a morning of fellowship and fun. In addition to the service project, games and story we will be making pretzels. ALL children ages 4 through grade 6 are invited. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact **Kathryn Pratt at 570-916-2102** or the church office.



First Holy Communion letters have been sent to parents of third-graders. If your child is of age or older and has not yet received First Holy Communion but did not receive a letter, please contact the church office.

