



## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, February 5**

8:30 am Confirmation Class  
9:30 am Worship w/communion  
10:40 am Sunday School

### **Monday, February 6**

1:00 pm Preschool Committee  
6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

### **Tuesday, February 7**

6:30 pm Girl Scouts  
7:00 pm Congregation Council

### **Wednesday, February 8**

7:00 pm Bible Study

### **Thursday, February 9**

1:00 pm Backpacks packing  
7:30 pm NA

### **Friday, February 10**

### **Saturday, February 11**



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### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY ~ February 16

#### Team Messiah vs. Local Hunger and Food Insecurity



First, *thank you* to Team Messiah for your generous support! You have played a stellar game in helping us to reach our goal to alleviate hunger in our area by stepping up to keep our own food pantry well stocked this winter. Many families have benefitted from your kindness.

Now is the time of year when we get to have a little fun with the collection as we once again participate in Souper Bowl of Caring. Here is the challenge: While you are shopping for your Super Bowl snacks, could you please pick up a few extra things for the families in need right here in our own neighborhoods? Then vote for your favorite team in the Super Bowl!

For the next two Sundays, we will place *two* collection bins in the narthex: one for the Kansas City Chiefs and one for the Philadelphia Eagles. You may buy anything on the list of needs and place your donations in the box that represents the team you hope will win and we will see which one collects the most! All food items will be used to stock our own pantry. ***Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked “Souper Bowl Sunday” along with the name of the team you are rooting for.***

#### ***Following is a list of items we collect for the food pantry:***

Canned vegetables, ***canned fruit***, baked beans, canned meats (***tuna***, chicken breast), ***instant potatoes***, peanut butter, ***jelly***, ***maple syrup***, rice, mac and cheese, egg noodles, (please, NO pasta is needed, we have a lot!), spaghetti sauce, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, cream of mushroom soup, canned ravioli (and similar items), cans of beef stew or chili, crackers, cereal, oatmeal, ***PopTarts***, ***pancake mix***, granola bars, cookies, dessert mixes (brownies, etc.), ***snack pack pudding cups***, and microwave popcorn. ***“Most needed” items are in bold print.***

More than 30 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.” It continues across the nation today, having created over \$170 million worth of support that stays completely local. *Will you be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need as we fight to defeat hunger.*

***The collection will continue from now through Super Bowl Sunday . . .  
. . . please give generously!***

February 5, 2023

<b>Service Assistants</b>	<b>9:30</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Jody Fullmer, Rita & Dave Strickler, Arch Watkins, Jimmy Gardner
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Carol Waltz
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Georgette Copp
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marie Welter, Arlene Stahl
<b>Greeters/Communion Presenters</b>	Bobby Bower, Elke Burson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jordan Morris
<b>Cantor</b>	Carol Waltz
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Marilyn Winter

**Sunday, January 22, 2023 Attendance: 108; Offering: \$4,829.01; Capital Campaign:\$86**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Shirley and Donald Fullmer's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary, on February 7<sup>th</sup>, by their family.

**Bible Readings**

**Sunday** Feb. 05 *Isaiah 58:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20*  
**Monday** Feb. 06 *Psalms 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10*  
**Tuesday** Feb. 07 *Psalms 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12*  
**Wednesday** Feb. 08 *Psalms 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30*  
**Thursday** Feb. 09 *Psalms 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16*  
**Friday** Feb. 10 *Psalms 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17*  
**Saturday** Feb. 11 *Psalms 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Matthew 15:1-9*



**Pastoral Care Number:** Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

*Reminder: Articles for the Messenger are due in the office by Monday at Noon.*

**Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7p.m. in Shaheen Hall. Everyone is Welcome!**



**The anthem for this Sunday** will be "At the Table of the Lord". Meet at 8:45 in the music room to rehearse and then join us in singing during the worship service.



**CORRECTION - Soup Sale will be March 25<sup>TH</sup>, 9am – noon.** More details to come.



## The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children – **Snow Friends** – When Little Bear wakes early from his winter sleep, he has the most wonderful surprise – SNOW! He plays in the snow but finds it would be much more fun with a friend, so he builds a snowman... find out what happens. Book is in the Children's section in the library.

Adult – **NORMA** – If you've ever watched the Lawrence Welk Show you'll remember Norma Zimmer, the amazing singer in the show. Read about her life in her own words. This wonderful book is in the Adult Current Biographies.


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**The storage room** (next to the council room) on the third floor of the Christian Education Building is going to be cleaned out. There are numerous pieces of electronic equipment plus lots of other "junk." Please contact the church office if there is anything you want to claim or ensure that is not destroyed.

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**The Messiah Lutheran website** needs major updates. Please contact the church office if you have the technical ability to do so, or know someone we may be able to contact.

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Women of the **ELCA**   
**"TRIVIA NIGHT" sponsored by WELCA is Saturday, February 18th at 6:00 pm in Shaheen Hall** to benefit Messiah Pre-School's Scholarship Fund. George Jansson is the Trivia Master; teams of six will form to play. Registration is \$8.00 per person; \$15.00 per couple. Pizza and beverages will be provided; everyone is asked to bring food to share. *Hope to see you there!*



**Attention Thrivent Members:** The deadline for directing Choice dollars is **Thursday, March 31, 2023**. Messiah Lutheran Church and Messiah Lutheran Preschool are among the non-profits which can be designated. Go to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or call 800-847-4836





*Daniel's Closet at Redeemer Lutheran is in need* of winter hats, gloves, scarves, boots, and coats in addition to the ever-present needs of children's clothing size 4 and up and men's clothing in all sizes. If you have time during this "stay-in-the house" weather, please look through your winter clothes and see what

you would be able to donate.

Please place items in the large blue bin in the alcove by the Chapel. Help is also needed to sort the clothing on Thursday, February 23, 4:00-6:00 p.m. And remember, all ***are also welcome to "shop" the closet as well!*** Next one coming up is Saturday, February 25. 8:30-11:00 a.m.



### **MARCH 8-9, 2023: RAISE THE REGION**

Camp Mount Luther is participating in The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA's "Raise the Region" on March 8-9, 2023. It is a 30-hour fundraising event starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending the next day at 11:59 p.m. Money donated by the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships will help stretch

donations made to organizations that day. Additional monetary prizes and incentives will be awarded, too. Proceeds raised for Mount Luther these days to the camp's Annual Fund unless a donor gets in touch with the camp office to designate it for another camp cause. To be part of Raise the Region, visit

[www.raisetheregion.org](http://www.raisetheregion.org) during the event and make an online donation to camp.

Running totals will be shown throughout the day at the Raise the Region website. Camp Mount Luther has participated in Raise the Region for ten years and has garnered about \$179,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!



All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend this synod youth retreat on March 17-18. The theme of this year's will be baptism. Experience your Creator, play winter games and find refreshment in the peace of camp in winter. The retreat is from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, but there is an option for youth and leaders to come just for the day on Saturday. The cost is \$73 for the whole program. Each registered group should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at

least one adult for each gender represented. Cabin assignments will be made based on available adults and the number of youth attending. Contact Chad Hershberger at [chad@campmountluther.org](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org) with questions.





**Ash Wednesday is February 22. Copies of *Man of Sorrows, People of Joy*, a Lenten devotional Booklet will be available Sunday, February 12.** Brought to you in partnership with the Lutheran Hour Ministries the devotions are written by Dr. Kari Vo. Lenten Self-Denial Calendars & Banks that benefit Shepherd of the Streets are also at the church office plus current copies of the devotional booklets, Christ in Our Home and The Upper Room are available. Booklets, calendars and banks can be picked up during current office hours.

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**Shepherd of the Streets** is *always* in need of the following items: **(Bring regular sizes please)** Deodorant - Soap - Combs - Shaving Cream and Razors - Tissues - Toilet Paper – Toothpaste - Toothbrushes - Shampoo and Conditioner - Towels - Wash Cloths - Women's Hygiene Products. **Baby Needs:** Diapers, Shampoo, Powder, Oil, Q-Tips, Wipes. This is the complete list of hygiene items they use. Thank you to all of you who collect them as well as bedding and blankets (*Please, NO pillows*).

*Items may be placed in the bin in the elevator alcove.*

