



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, February 19**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

8:30 am Confirmation Class

9:30 am Worship w/communion

10:40 am Sunday School

**Monday, February 20**

**Presidents' Day**

6:00 pm Sits Happens

6:30 pm Executive Committee

7:00 pm Missional Outreach



**Tuesday, February 21**

3:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind SWSD

6:30 pm Girl Scouts



**Wednesday, February 22**

**Ash Wednesday**

7:00 pm Worship Holy Communion

**Thursday, February 23**

1:00 pm Backpacks packing

7:30 pm NA

**Friday, February 24**

**Saturday, February 25**



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## Sunday, February 19, is Camp Sunday in the Upper Susquehanna Synod



The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has designated Transfiguration Sunday each year as “Mount Luther Sunday” to help promote outdoor ministries in the synod. Mount Luther is an extension of our ministry together and we hope you will join in celebrating outdoor ministries by offering financial support, keeping the camp staff in prayer, and by participating in the numerous events and activities this ministry offers!

### Your BEST. SUMMER. EVER

Worried your summer vacation is going to be super boring? *Camp Mount Luther is here to help.* Like you, we think summer vacation should be fresh and fun, filled with new friendships and new experiences. CML offers 400 acres of trails, worship, and campsites, fields, a pond, and cabins with a host of awesome programs to feed your hunger for adventure.

#### CML’s Promise to you, campers: CML’s Promise to you, parents:

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| 1. You will be safe.     | 1. Your child will be safe, welcomed and loved.           |
| 2. You will be welcomed. | 2. Your child will grow in faith.                         |
| 3. You will be loved.    | 3. Your child will have fun!                              |
| 4. You will have fun!    | 4. You will get some much well deserved time to yourself! |

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Brochures listing this summer’s programs are available in the back of the church on Sunday mornings or by visiting the Camp Mount Luther web site at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org).

**Camp Incentives and Discounts:** Kathy Wither has agreed to serve as our camp person, a liaison between Mount Luther and our congregation. Because we have a camp person, those who attend camp are eligible for “Camel Bucks” which can be spent in the camp store! Messiah will also help to cover some of the registration cost for members to attend camp in order to make it more affordable. For more information, please contact Kathy by email at [witherhaven@verizon.net](mailto:witherhaven@verizon.net), or you may call or text her at (570) 651-2802.

**Camp Mount Luther 2023 ~ “Holy Trinity, Wholly Love”**

**February 12, 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>	Pam Eveleth
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sandy Ream
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser
<b>Greeters/Communion Presenters</b>	Marlin and Brenda Cromley
<b>Acolyte</b>	Karrah Bair
<b>Cantor</b>	Carol Waltz
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Paul Weaver

**Sunday, February 12, 2023 Attendance: 101; Offering: \$4,384.11**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Roland Weaver on the anniversary of his passing, February 21, 2012, by his wife Jean and family.

**Bible Readings**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 19</b> <i>Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 20</b> <i>Psalm 78:17-20,52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 21</b> <i>Psalm 78:17-20,52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 22</b> <i>Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 23</b> <i>Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 24</b> <i>Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 25</b> <i>Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7</i>



**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.*

**In need of a new coordinator for the "Dresses and Britches"** for Africa project. After many years of serving as Coordinator, Doris Butt has resigned. Thank you to Doris for all the time and devotion you have given to this project. This position is not that difficult or time consuming. Doris has all the necessary information and materials for the project. Members of the congregation do the sewing. Anyone interested call the office (570)-326-9171, Carol Winter (570)-447-2176 or Doris Butt at (570)-326-0483. *Thank you.*



## The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children – **Otis and the Puppy** – Trusty tractor Otis brings his new puppy friend to safety while playing hide and seek on the farm. This wonderful book on friendship for children is in the Children's section.

**This is the Day the Lord has made - A celebration of His many Blessings** - If you love Scripture verses and poetry, you will Love this book. There is a scripture verse and several poems from a variety of poets to help enhance the understanding of that verse. There are several scripture themes and poems in this thin book. Very powerful. This book is in the Poems, Prayers, Devotional and Meditations section of our library.

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Our Souper bowl win was the Eagles as you can see in the picture above.



All donated food for the souper bowl Sunday which was not designated for a team.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** The Chiefs fans gave the Eagles fans quite a run for their money, but the Eagles fans managed to gain a few extra yards in the end zone to edge them out in the food collection! Thank you to all who took part in the fun and donated food items or cash to help alleviate hunger in our local community. You scored a winning touchdown! *Way to go, Team Messiah!*



**There will not be a rehearsal before this Sunday's worship service.**

However, if you would be willing to sing with us for Ash Wednesday or on the following Sunday, 2/26, please stay for a short rehearsal after church this week.



**Soup sale will be March 25<sup>th</sup>, 9-noon. More details to come.**



**Ash Wednesday is February 22**

**The church's call to begin a Lenten pilgrimage** begins with Ash Wednesday's forceful reminder that "you are dust and to dust you shall return." We are in fact dependent upon God, who calls us both to repentance and to His love. There will be a liturgy of Word and Sacrament at 7:00pm, led by Pastor Amme, with the service including the imposition of ashes. The liturgy for Ash Wednesday states "...we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. I invite you therefore to commit yourselves to this struggle."



WEDNESDAY  
Lenten Services

**Lenten Evening Vespers** will begin on March 1 at 7:00 pm. Janet Stroble, ALWL will lead the service followed by a Bible Study of scripture reflection with Carl Gee. *Hope you can join us!*

Copies of *Man of Sorrows*, *People of Joy*, a **Lenten Devotional Booklet** are now available in the Narthex. Brought to you in partnership with the Lutheran Hour Ministries in the devotions *Man of Sorrows*, *People of Joy* paints a revealing picture of Jesus as He winds His way to the cross. Using Matthew's Gospel as its source, we see Jesus as teacher, healer, comforter, and Savior. Our Shepherd's crucifixion and resurrection now make joy and true life available to His followers—to those who through faith entrust their lives to Him.

**Lenten Self-Denial Calendars & Banks** that benefit Shepherd of the Streets are also in the Narthex plus current copies of the devotional booklets, Christ in Our Home and The Upper Room are available.

**Kids in Mission: Lenten Bible School/Service Project** Saturday, March 25, 9:00 am - 12:00pm. Adult and teen helpers will be needed. More details to come!

**Church Women United** will be holding their World Day of Prayer Celebration at St Luke Lutheran Church, 1400 Market Street, Williamsport, Pa 17701 on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 PM. This year, the women of Taiwan call us to worship with the words, "**I Have Heard About Your Faith**" based on Ephesians 1:15-19, the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude. Come join the women of Taiwan in prayer and song, supporting ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, and healing. The offering will help meet the needs of families in Taiwan and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence, and injustice. There will also be donations received for walker and catheter bags, for **The Lap Robe Project**. Instructions are available by calling Ms. Patricia Wittig at 570.322.4330. Please contact Yvonne Shenuski, [yon2@comcast.net](mailto:yon2@comcast.net), or [www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org) for more information.





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**Camp Mount Luther/GROW in the Snow presents:  
Wade in the Water for Youth in Grades 6-12  
Friday-Saturday, March 17-18**

The theme of this year's event 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 per person for the whole program, or \$45 if you choose to come only for the day on Saturday.

**Discounted Cost for Messiah Youth:** Messiah will help to cover the cost of the retreat. If you have your registration to us no later than February 28, the cost to attend is just \$10. Please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church and turn them in to the office along with your completed registration form.

You can find the registration form at <https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023-GITS-Flyer.pdf> or by contacting Kathy Wither.

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**Final Stewardship Report 2022**

**Thank you all for your generous support!**

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATES AS OF FEBRUARY 12,2023**

**GENERAL FUND:**

2022 Total	33 pledges	\$93,594.50
2023 Total	43 pledges	\$101,963.84

**Rebuilding Fund:**

2022 Total	24 pledges	\$19,786.00
2023 Total	27 pledges	\$24,485.25

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**

2022 Total	16 pledges	\$5,631.00
2023 Total	19 pledges	\$6,230.75

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