



Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 12

Daylight Savings Time begins

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

Monday, March 13

6:00 pm Sit Happens

Tuesday, March 14

6:30 pm Girl Scouts



Wednesday, March 15

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers/Bible Study

Thursday, March 16

1:00 pm Backpacks packing
7:30 pm NA

Friday, March 17



Saturday, March 18

2:00 pm South Jr. Baseball
Registration
5:00 pm South Managers Meeting



MESSIAH MESSENGER USPS 342-060

Published each week by Messiah Lutheran Church, 324 South Howard Street, South Williamsport, PA. Publication Office, 324 South Howard Street. Entered as a periodical October 15, 1940, at the Post Office at Williamsport, PA under the Act of March 3, 1879.

POSTMASTER: Send address change to Messiah Lutheran Church,
324 South Howard Street, South Williamsport, PA 17702.



MESSIAH MESSENGER

Published weekly by

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

www.messiahsouth.org Phone: 570-326-9171

e-mail address: messiahoffice@comcast.net

March 8, 2023

VOL. 81 – NO. 09

ATTENTION SOUP MAKERS! AND ALL!

SOUP SATURDAY – MARCH 25, 2023



**PROCEEDS WILL SPONSOR A MEMBER
FROM MESSIAH CHURCH OR THE
COMMUNITY TO ATTEND MT. LUTHER
SUMMER CAMP.**

The Soup Sale is just one more event that shows Messiah's continuing mission is to support our local community.

Are you a soup maker? Please consider donating to our soup sale. Call the church office, 570-326-9171 or sign up after the worship service and specify the kind of soup that you will make and the number of quarts.

If you are a soup maker, we have people who will donate ingredients and their labor in the church kitchen if you are willing to supervise.

If you have a place to help advertise the Soup Sale, please share that information also. ***Thank you.***

Drop-off for all soup will be on March 24, Friday 6pm-8pm or Saturday morning, March 25 before 8:30 am at alley entrance.

Volunteers are needed to set up/tear down and help with the sale. Quart containers are available in the church office for your convenience.

Soup will be \$9.00 per quart. No pre-orders will be taken.

Help make it a “Soup-er Day!”

March 12, 2023

Service Assistants	9:30
Ushers	Fred Harbaugh, Pam Eveleth, Annmarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker, Susan Christ
Lay Assistant	Dave Bausinger
Communion Assistant	Sherri Holtzman
Altar Guild	Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower
Greeters/Communion Presenters	Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer
Acolyte	Weston Sherman
Cantor	Dave Bausinger
Flower Delivery	Arch Watkins

Sunday, March 5, 2023 Attendance: **80**; Offering: **\$8357.05** Capital Campaign: **\$520.00**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Susan.

The Basket of Flowers is given in honor of Carol Hessert and in loving memory of what would have been Sam and Carol's 60th wedding Anniversary on March 16th, with love from her daughter Pam.

Bible Readings

Sunday	March 12	<i>Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42</i>
Monday	March 13	<i>Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1-13</i>
Tuesday	March 14	<i>Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4</i>
Wednesday	March 15	<i>Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39</i>
Thursday	March 16	<i>Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesian 4:25-32</i>
Friday	March 17	<i>Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9</i>
Saturday	March 18	<i>Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9</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.

Lenten Evening Vespers will begin continue on Wednesdays 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!*

Lenten Devotional Booklets, Lenten Self-Denial Calendars and Banks are still available, in the Narthex.

Shepherd of the Streets extend their heartfelt thanks, support and for our contributions. At this time much needed items are; shampoo, deodorant and children's tooth brushes.

PLEASE NOTE: the CORRECT PRICE for the lilies is \$9.

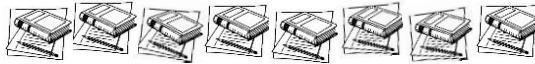


The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **Adopted and Loved Forever** - this book assures adopted children that, just as God chooses them to be His children, their parents choose them specially, love them very much, and will never leave them. Ideal for 4-7 year olds, this book reinforces that message by using the voice of a young child to give positive, Christian explanations of concepts that may be confusing to them. This is a great book for parents to discuss adoption with their child. Book in the Children's section of our library.

Adult – **O Lord, Teach Me to Pray – a Catechetical Prayer Book for Personal Use** – This book takes the teachings of the small catechism before God in prayer. It is one thing to know the contents of the catechism. It is quite another to ask God for guidance and wisdom through its teachings. This book leans heavily on Luther's explanation to the basics of the Christian faith. Book in Adult topical issues.



The anthem for this Sunday will be "We Share Your Life". If you would like to join in the singing, please come to rehearsal at 8:45 in the music room.

Sign-up now to be part of the Easter Choir.

Call the church office if interested or add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. Rehearsals will start on Sunday, March 12, 2023 after worship service. Ages teens and up are welcome to take part!



Can't make it to church? Join us live on Facebook!

Worship services will be broadcast on Facebook Live each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. To watch the service live, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahSouth>.

If you are unable to join us live, videos will be made available to be viewed later.

To link to the video archive and for additional worship resources, visit Messiah's web site at <https://messiahsouth.org/worship-resources/>.

.....
Did you know? Messiah's Facebook page is a public page, so even if you do not have a Facebook account, you are still able to view content on our page!
.....





“LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR TO SUCH BELONGS THE KINGDOM OF GOD”

Luke 18:16

We are very pleased to announce the Sunday School hour is returning to its previous start time of 9:30 AM effective Sunday, March 12th.

Bible stories, singing and activities will be age-appropriate. We will begin with stories about Jesus’s miracles, then after Easter we will focus on Jesus’s teachings through His Parables.

Not only does Jesus want us to *let the children Come to Him*, He wants us to *Bring them to Him*. There is no greater gift you can give children than to share the love of Jesus and His teachings with them!

Hope to see you there. We miss you!

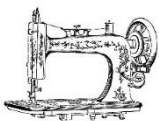
Mrs. Kathryn Pratt

Kid's in Mission



KIDS HELPING KIDS! As we did last year, the service project for the Lenten Kids in Mission will be decorating and packing Care Kits for children. They will then be given to the *Shepherd of the Streets* for distribution to children in need. If you're able, please donate any of the following items: children's toothbrushes, children's toothpaste, band aids, hair ties, combs, hairbrushes, socks, soap, wash cloths,

children's shampoo, hair conditioner, baby wipes, Desitin or similar product. A box will be placed in the Narthex for collecting items. Thank you in advance for your kindness!



Time to Start Sewing! Our “School Kits for Lutheran World Relief” project is now officially underway. Pre-cut fabric pieces are available at the church office along with instructions on how to sew the backpacks. Our aim is to have as many backpacks sewn as possible before Bible School in June so that the older kids can put the strings in them that week. To all our cutters and sewers, *thank you!*

For questions or to volunteer, call Sally Congdon at 570-547-6193.



Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out Sunday, February 19th. Please let the office know if you are not available that Sunday. If anyone is home and can't get to church and would like to receive communion, please notify the church office @570-326-9171



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER NEWS

Now is the time to sign up for camp!

To see all of the camping opportunities available, visit .
-<https://www.campmountluther.org/summer/programs/>.

Camp Discounts and Incentives:

- Sign up before the early bird deadline of April 15 and receive \$30 off a week of camp.
- OR invite a friend to camp and you **both** get a discount.
- Members of Messiah will also be able to attend camp at a reduced rate with help from the church. **Contact our camperson, Kathy Wither, for more information.**

witherhaven@verizon.net or 570-651-2802 talk or text

Camp perks: “Camel Bucks” are available to all campers for spending in the camp store. Please contact Kathy or the church office to let us know when you are attending camp so that we can be sure you get yours on time!

HELP WANTED - COUNSELORS MUCH NEEDED!!

Camp Mount Luther is taking applications for both male and female counselors. You must be a high school graduate by the time camp starts. If hired, you will need to obtain the necessary clearances. **Questions?** Contact chad@campmountluther.org

Applications can be submitted online at www.campmountluther.org/applications.

Clothing Donations are being accepted at Messiah for Daniel's Closet.



Doing some spring cleaning? As you clean out your closets to make room for new items, please look through your clothes and see what you would be able to donate. Seasonal clothing and accessories are especially needed. They will now also accept winter hats, gloves, scarves, boots, and coats year-round to be stored for next season.

Daniel's Closet is a FREE Clothing Giveaway that occurs on a monthly basis year-round, so **donations are welcome at any time.** Besides clothing, accepted items include hats, gloves, scarves, footwear, belts, ties, purses, backpacks, duffle bags, and suitcases.

Please place items in the large blue bin ***inside the church*** in the alcove by the Chapel ***at Messiah.*** ***All are welcome to “shop” the closet as well!*** Next one coming up is Saturday, March 25. 8:30-11:00 a.m.

