



Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 26

8:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Worship w/communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:40 am Easter Choir
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm South Softball
Registration

Monday, March 27

6:00 pm Sit Happens
6:15 pm Lifelong Faith Formation
7:00 pm Property Committee

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 pm Girl Scouts
7:00 pm WELCA meeting

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers/Bible Study

Thursday, March 30

1:00 pm Backpacks packing
7:30 pm NA

Friday, March 31

Saturday, April 1

10:00 am Palm preparation



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*What's coming up in the next few weeks? Have a look:
Messiah in Action!!*

Messiah's Soup Sale – Saturday March 25, 2023



9 am – 12 Noon or until sold out. Proceeds will sponsor a member from Messiah or the community to attend Camp Mt. Luther Summer Camp **Soup is \$9 per quart.** (No pre-orders.)

Soup containers are now available in the church office for those making soup. Volunteers are needed to work the “Drive-by Soup Sale”

Soup varieties include: Beef Vegetable, Chili, Ham, String Bean & Potato, Chicken Corn Noodle, Chicken with Rice, Hungarian Goulash soup, Pasta Faggioli and Zucchini soup. **Come help make this year's sale another success!**

Lenten Kids in Mission: Saturday, March 25 from 9-Noon

in Shaheen Hall. Ages 4 through 6 grade. Join us for

Fellowship, Story time, Crafts, Pretzel baking and more.

For more info or to register call the church office. One of

the projects planned for the Lenten Kids in Mission

activity is donating bags of hygiene items **FOR CHILDREN** to the Shepherd of the Streets. If you are able, please donate 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, coloring books, crayons and any other kid appropriate items.

Registration forms are on the Bald Eagle Alley Bulletin Board.



Sunday Worship – Did you know?

If you are unable to join us in person for worship, you can still join us virtually.

Links to view the worship service as it is live streamed (or to view the archived video at a later time) are posted on our web site at <https://messiahsouth.org/worship-resources/>.

To link to the video archive and for additional worship resources, visit Messiah's web site at

A copy of the worship bulletin will be posted to both the web site so you can follow along!

March 26, 2023

Service Assistants	9:30
Ushers	Fred Harbaugh, Pam Eveleth, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker, Susan Christ
Lay Assistant	Susan Bryan
Communion Assistant	Pam Eveleth
Altar Guild	Vicki Bair, Doris Butt
Greeters/Communion Presenters	Sherri Holtzman, Doris Butt
Acolyte	Alyx Taylor
Cantor	Candy Watkins
Flower Delivery	Jody Fullmer

Sunday, March 19, 2023 Attendance: 100; Offering: \$3246.80 Capital Campaign: \$120.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Nathan Rundio's 15th birthday, March 31st, with love from Grammy and Pappy Bausinger and his Uncle Mike.

Bible Readings

Sunday	March 26	<i>Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45</i>
Monday	March 27	<i>Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12</i>
Tuesday	March 28	<i>Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10</i>
Wednesday	March 29	<i>Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33</i>
Thursday	March 30	<i>Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11</i>
Friday	March 31	<i>Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30</i>
Saturday	April 01	<i>Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34</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.



Rehearsals for our Easter Choir will be every Sunday after worship. Ages teens and up are welcome to take part!

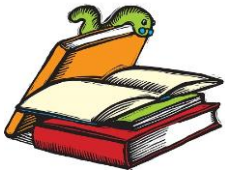
The anthem for this Sunday will be "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land".

If you would like to join in the singing, please come to rehearsal at 8:45 in the music room.

Easter Flower orders are due by Sunday, March 26.



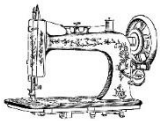
The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **God made Feelings** - We all have feelings, and we all have our own ways of showing them. The Bible gives us plenty of examples of God's people being angry, sad, excited and lonely--feelings that help them sort out problems or turn to God for help. Talking about feelings early in a child's life helps them understand that feelings are natural and normal.

This book is in the Children's Board Book section of our library.

Adult - **Living the Psalms - Encouragement for the Daily Grind** - We all have those days: when small problems become crises, when doubt begins to overwhelm faith, when exhaustion hits and depression colors the world black. Fact is, the daily grind of life is not going away! Since we cannot escape it, we must find a way to live beyond it. And the book of Psalms holds the answers, offering words of surpassing strength and comfort for those difficult and demanding times. Book found in the Adult Non-fiction section of our library.



Sewing of the backpacks for the School Kits for Lutheran World Relief continues. Pre-cut fabric pieces along with sewing instructions are available at the church office on weekdays or in the narthex on Sunday mornings. *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.*

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

Thank you to all who are helping to get this project off to a good start!



A very sincere thank you to each and every one of you who bought tickets, donated money, made cupcakes, prepared bags for the Chinese auction and gave your time to make the spaghetti dinner/ fundraiser such a great success! With the support from all of you we raised \$3,000. 00. The backpack program will be able to continue serving 126 students in the South Williamsport schools thanks to each of you.

Many thanks, Connie, Mary & Dianne





Messiah's Women of the ELCA will meet in Shaheen Hall on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. Georgette Copp will start the evening with

devotions and then a Bible study will be led by Sandy Grier. Refreshments will be provided by Becky Pryor and Ruth Doran. Everyone is welcome!



SAVE THIS DATE: Tuesday, MAY 9, at 6:00 p.m. for Messiah's annual **MOTHER'S DAY DINNER**. Mark a star on your calendar to reserve the evening for this special event!

Messiah Preschool is having an open house Tuesday, March 28th from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm.

Messiah Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. The program is Monday through Friday for 3 hours each morning. There are two classes. The younger class is for 3 and 4 year old children. (The child needs to be 3-years old by September 1st.) The Pre-K class is for 4 and 5 year old children who expect to begin kindergarten in the Fall of 2023. **For more information, please call 570-326-9171 (option 2) to speak with or leave a message for the Preschool Coordinator, Linda Miller.** Registration forms are also

available in the church office. *Since space is limited early registration is encouraged. Thank you.*

preschool registration



The annual Bishop Open's Golf Classic is set for May 8, 2023, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. Information and registration form are here:

https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/01_Golf_Tournament_Flyer-2023.pdf

The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please call 570-922-1587 or email cml@campmountluther.org. Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors. Register online here: <https://www.campmountluther.org/golf-registration/>



Getting it Right at the End

A TALK WITH DR. NESBITT AND STAFF

Date: April 26, 2023

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

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Alexander Nesbitt, MD, Medical Director, Family Hospice, Part of UPMC Home Healthcare of Central Pennsylvania and the hospice team will discuss hospice care options including The Gatehouse inpatient unit in Williamsport. The team will provide guidance on various end of life questions and opportunities that are available to volunteer with the hospice team.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. For more information, call 570-326-8952.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER NEWS

Sign up for camp before April 15 to get the Early Bird Discount!

To see all of the camping opportunities available, visit

<https://www.campmountluther.org/summer/programs/>.

Messiah will pay a portion of the cost for members to attend camp.

Contact our camperson, Kathy Wither, for more information.

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

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.

